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SIX PILLARS OF CHARACTER

Trustworthiness

People with good character-ethical people- are people you can trust. Trust doesn't come easy. You have to earn trust, by showing that you are honest, living by what you believe, keeping promises, and being loyal.

Responsibility

Do what you are supposed to do. Persevere, keep on trying! Always do your best. Use self control. Be self disciplined. Thank before you act-consider the consequences. Be accountable for your choices.

Fairness

Is it fair to treat you friends differently? Do you like it when you are treated differently? As described in Quality Counts, fairness is treating people fairly, listening to others and trying to understand what people are saying and feeling. A hard one to sometimes do is to admit when you are wrong. Most do not like to be wrong, but when you are, admit it and correct it quickly. Fairness is also playing by the rules. Rules are established so everyone can have fair competition. I know we all may not agree with the rules, but if we follow them we will build the pillar of fairness. Remember to play by the rules! Also treat everyone equal.

Respect

Aretha Franklin's song "R-E-S-P-E-C-T" has been popular for many years. That song reminds us how we want people to treat us. We all want a chance to be ourselves, make decisions, be accepted and be treated in a polite, decent way. Respectful people treat others the way they want to be treated.

Caring

Caring people love, help, give and are kind. You can tell a caring person by what she or he does, for caring is more than just a feeling. Caring people show their concern for others in an active way. Live by the Golden Rule....treating others the way you want them to treat you.

Citizenship

Good citizens demonstrate a genuine concern for the needs of others and recognize their duty to contribute to making life better at home, at school, in the neighborhood-even for the whole planet! A good citizen is not content to be just a face in the crowd.

DATES HAVE BEEN SET



Vet Science Workshop 11/5
 Major Show Workshop 11/8
 County Food Show 11/10
 Timed/Speed Clinic 11/11
 CORE Program 11/13
 Major Show Entries DUE . . . 11/15
 Chocolate \$\$\$ Due 11/15
 Swine Workshop 11/17
 Vet Science Workshop 12/7
 Vegetable Workshop 12/12
 Council/Adult Leaders Mtg. . . 1/17

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THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR!

This month's newsletter is sponsored by Bexar County Junior Livestock Show and the Helotes 4-H Booster Club. Check out their flyers enclosed.

HERE'S THE LATEST

Welcome New 4-H Club

Bexar 4-H Fishing & Shooting Sports Club. If you are interested in Sportfishing, Shooting Sports and Wildlife this is the club for you. Contact Jennifer at 545-2146.

New This Year! - Project Exhibits

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

Chocolate Sale!

The Bexar County 4-H Chocolate fundraiser is winding down. Those of you who are working toward the big prize, have a couple more weeks to sell, sell, sell. We have plenty of chocolate still available. **We need everyone to help sell chocolate to make this fundraiser a success.** Thank you to all the Chocolate Sale Chairpersons who are organizing this event within each club. Good luck to all the clubs with your sales.

We are pleased to announce that we have many wonderful prizes for all chocolate sellers. Each person selling \$50 puts their name in a drawing for prizes. If you sell \$100 your name goes in twice, see the enclosed list of all the prizes received so far.

Money or unsold chocolate are due to our office by Thursday, Nov. 15, 6 p.m.

Why Do We Sell Chocolate?????

Every organization needs money to operate. During the County Council meeting in January your club delegates will vote to decide what the money will be spent on. Last year it was spent on the following:

4-H medals and year pins	District Contest fees
State & District 4-H Spectra	Leadership Lab
Texas Congress	Texas Roundup
Texas 4-H Retreat and Recreation/Ambassador Training	

There are a lot more things that the money paid for and a list is available in our office anytime you would like to see it. If you have any questions about our budget or fundraiser, please give us a call.

Attention Adult Leaders-Reimbursement Available!

Are you a 4-H Adult Leader who paid to attend a project training this year and have used this training to reach others? If so, you are eligible to be reimbursed for part of the cost through Bexar County 4-H Council budget, which is made possible from the Chocolate Sales. Money budgeted will be divided by the number of people who attended training sessions.

We need your receipt from your training and a record of how you used it to benefit other 4-H members. Please turn this information in to our office by Monday, December 3rd.

4-H Materials

As our new 4-H year begins, we wanted to be sure that ALL families have the following handouts to have a successful 4-H year:

- ☎ Newcomer's Handbook -on the 4-H website
- 📄 Awards and Recognition Handbook -on the 4-H website
- 📄 Recordbook Information -on the 4-H website

At the Club Manager training in August, each Club Manager was given a CD with the above materials. Please contact your Club Manager for a copy of the CD or our website also has all these materials.

Project Forms

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

Council/Adult Leaders Meeting

This was a good meeting. Many things were discussed and several important decisions were made:

- 4-H County Council voted to sponsor 5 barrels for advertising with Bexar County 4-H on them.
- 4-H County Council voted to give poinsettias to our local legislators and commissioners for their on going-support.
- 4-H County Council formed a committee to decide where and when the Council's Holiday event for club delegates will be.
- 4-H County Council voted to have the Salvation Army Stockings as our county holiday community service project.

The community service for these meeting is "100 Pennies for 100 Years". Club delegates should collect pennies from your members and bring them to the January meeting. Future meeting dates are January 17 and April 17.

Finance Task Force Planning Meeting

Date: Monday, December 10th

Time: 7 p.m.
Place: County Extension Office S-208

Chocolate sales will be over soon and it will be time to plan the new budget. The 2008 County Council 4-H budget will be presented for approval at the January 2008 4-H Council meeting. The Finance Task Force will meet to review the budget and put together a proposed budget for approval in January. You are invited to attend and offer any concerns and suggestions. If you cannot attend, questions, concerns and requests are to be submitted in writing to our office by Thursday, December 6.

Volunteer Leaders As Role Models

Please remember that as 4-H volunteer adult leaders and mentors, we have a responsibility as role models to our youth. Use of alcohol, drugs, or any illegal substance while supervising youth is reason for immediate dismissal. A volunteer who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or is not using reasonable and good judgement, may be held liable if an accident happens or may be subject to dismissal.

Texas 4-H Clover Handbook

4-H OFFICE POLICIES, 4-H ELIGIBILITY & INFORMATION

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

Office Procedures

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

Deadlines

Due dates and times are important. Our due dates are decided upon according to District and State due dates. Deadlines will be according to office hours 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** If you mail your forms, entries, etc, it **your** responsibility to verify that we received it. Please read your newsletter and mark your calendar for due dates. There is a drop slot in the front door. An 11"x13" envelope will fit through it. You can use this drop slot to help you meet deadlines.

Night Drop Slot

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

Newsletter Sponsors Needed

If you know of someone that would be interested in helping the 4-H Program defray the cost of postage for this newsletter, we are in need of sponsors. They can insert an 8 ½ by 11 page of information. Cost is approximately \$75 and is mailed to over 500 families. If a sponsor needs more information, please contact Pam at 467-6575.

LEARN AND HAVE FUN TOO!!!!

Vegetable Workshop

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

Learn more about vegetables than you ever wanted to know. Topics are: What vegetables to grow when?, How to get your

vegetables ready for the Vegetable Show and What the judges look for and more.

Code of Conduct Policy

Policy to participate in any event representing Bexar County 4-H is that you must comply with the Code of Conduct you signed on your enrollment form. Bexar County 4-H Council budget offers reimbursements on many activities contingent on the Code of Conduct being followed. This policy is for members and leaders alike.

Applications are available from our office, on our website or at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>, click on Youth. Scholarships are due to our office by Wednesday, February 6th, 5 p.m. for signatures and verification of materials. **Start your application now! There is a new financial form that requires a process which takes 3-4 weeks to receive your completed financial form back.**

Collegiate 4-H Scholarship

Clarification On Event Entry Forms & Eligibility Forms

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.

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 at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu> click on Youth.

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.

School Tours

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

Fall Leadership Retreat

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

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

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Food and Nutrition Project Community Service Cooking Kits and Parties in a Box

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

Consumer Decision Making

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

SCHOLARSHIPS

4-H Opportunity Scholarship

Approximately 200 scholarships ranging in amount of \$500 to \$15,000 will be awarded to Texas 4-H members.

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

Date: Saturday, Jan. 12
Place: Creative Sewing Center, 11777 West Ave.
Time: 2 - 4 p.m.
Cost: \$5 for materials

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Scholarship

The BCJLS will award scholarships this year. Applications will be available from our website, the 4-H Office or at www.bcjls.com. 4-H member scholarship applications are due to the 4-H Office in mid November TBA, 5 p.m. Please watch our website for final due date or call Annette.

Many thanks to the Helotes 4-H Booster Club for sponsoring this newsletter. Check out the flyer enclosed on the Helotes Clover Classic.

County Nutrition Quiz Bowl

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

County Food Show

Date: Saturday, November 10
Place: Joe Hopkins Elementary, 2440 Ackerman Rd.
Time: 8:30 - 9 a.m. registration

The foods and nutrition project teaches you about eating healthier and making good choices for your health. This year's food show is hosted by the Food & Nutrition Project Development Committee. 4-H Leader, Sylvia Moran is the team leader in charge.

San Antonio Stock Show Consumer Decision Making Contest

Date: Saturday, February TBA
Place: Coliseum Grounds
Time: TBA

Study Guides will be available in November. If you are interested in entering the SALE contest, please complete the registration from enclosed. Entry deadline to our office is Thursday, Nov. 15. If you submit your entry after the due date, a \$25 late fee will be charged. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, 5 P.M.**

Clothing Workshop

Texas 4-H Fashion Show Narrator Contest

Qualifications are age 14 -18, experience in public speaking in front of a large group and have an interest or experience in narrating a fashion show. Application and video are due December 27th to College Station. For an application contact Annette or visit <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/clothing/narrator.html>.

Texas 4-H Fashion Show Stage Design Contest

Qualifications are age 14-18, have interest or experience in stage design and would like to create the 2008 State Fashion Show Stage decorations! A team of 1-9 members and coach can enter. Applications are due January 31th to College Station. For an application contact Annette or visit their website at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/clothing/stage_design.html#2.

4-H Clothing & Textiles Advisory Board

If you are interested in applying to be on the board, you must be 14-19 by August 31, 2007. You will help determine and expand the 4-H clothing program by recommending and implementing special activities and new project ideas. Deadline is December 28 to College Station. If you are interested in applying contact Annette for an application or visit <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/clothing/about.html>.

Volunteer Voice

The Texas 4-H Program has set up a blog site that provides volunteers the chance to give feedback to the 4-H Family and Consumer Science program. Volunteers are invited to participate in "Volunteer Voice", however, in order to post comments, you must sign up as an author by emailing Courtney Dodd at cfdodd@ag.tamu.edu with your name, county and email address. She will then email you an invitation, which you must accept in order to become an author and be able to participate on the blog site (<http://texas4hvolunteervoice.blogspot.com>).

Clothing Resources On-Line

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

Many thanks to Bexar County Junior Livestock Show for sponsoring this newsletter. Support the show by buying a raffle ticket.

ROUNDUP - EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS & PUBLIC SPEAKING

County 4-H Roundup Contest

(Educational Presentations and Public Speaking)

Date: Saturday, Nov. 3

Place: Joe Hopkins Elementary - 2440 Ackerman Rd.

Time: 8:15 a.m. registration

One of the best assets youth gain from their 4-H experience is the ability to speak before an audience. Our members practice this skill while giving reports, running meetings, teaching peers, and in our formal 4-H Public Speaking Contest...which is called Roundup. **There is also a Share the Fun category, which includes: singing, dancing, poetry, playing an instrument and more.** For a short training (20 minutes) on the Share the Fun contest visit <http://uvalde.tamu.edu/xtension/4-H/westregionindex.htm>. Click on Program Resources, then click on Share the Fun Training. Read more about any educational presentation or public speaking in the Roundup Guide. Everyone that participates in County Roundup will be eligible to compete at District Roundup. You **do not** have to compete at County level to go to District level. If you chose to participate in District Roundup, deadline to enter is Nov. 19 on 4-H Connect. Contact Pam for more information on District Roundup. There are several booklets available from our office on public speaking.

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

Roundup Videos

(Educational Presentations and Public Speaking)

If you are new and want to find out more about Roundup, we have several videos of past Roundup contests that are available for check out, contact Pam at the office.

2007-2008 Roundup Guide

(Educational Presentations and Public Speaking)

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

FUN AT THE SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW

Many of our members show animals, and many also participate in the other wonderful events the stock show has to offer. Review the following list of upcoming events and plan to have your club join in.

Photography Contest - February 2

You can enter black and white or color categories. Your Club Manager will be sent the information and entry form in early November. Entry form is due to our office by December 14.

Wagons and Wheelbarrows Parade - February 2

Decorate your red wagon or wheelbarrow, and enter it into the parade. Your Club Manager will be sent guidelines and entry form in early November. Form is due to our office by December 14.

Youth Country Fair - Baking Contest - February 2

Enter your favorite pie, cake, cookies, candies and bread in this contest. Entry form and information will be mailed to your Club Manager late November. Deadline to the stock show is mid January TBA. Watch your next newsletter for final due date.

Fashion Show - February 2

If you are interested in showing off your sewn garment, enter the Fashion Show. Your Club Manager will be sent information and entry form in early November. Entry form is due to SALE by January 15.

Youth Day - February 2

Youth Day is a wonderful opportunity to showcase what 4-H has to offer. Your club can set up a table to do hands-on activities, project exhibits or crafts. If your club is interested in participating in Youth Day, get with your Club Manager and plan what activity you would like to do. Entry form and information will be sent to your Club Manager in early November. Entry form is due to our office by December 14.

Texas Experience Tent

4-H has been invited to have a booth in the Texas Experience Tent. Last year our exhibit was seen by over 100,000 people. Those of you who manned the booth last year raved about the fun you had. Sign up sheets will be available soon. Watch your next newsletter for more information.

School Tours

We have not received final confirmation from SALE on tour dates. Give your name to your Club Manager to be included on the list to tour. Names are due to our office by November 15.

HORSE NEWS

Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, Nov. 26 and Dec. 17
Place: County Extension Office
Time: 7 p.m.



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

Qualifying Horse Shows

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

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

Raindate - May 10, 2008

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

Jackpot Playdays

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

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

Timed/Speed Classes Clinic

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

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

English & Western Classes Clinic

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

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

Horse Judging Contests

The qualifying contests for district are:

Heart of Texas - Oct. 6	Johnson County - Jan 19
Ft. Bend - Dec. 8	Montgomery County - Jan 13
Ft. Worth - TBA	

Each participant can judge at all events or a minimum of two (2) and the average of the two (2) highest scores will be the qualifying score. If you need information on any of these contests, contact Annette.

San Antonio Stock Show Horse Judging Contest

Date: February TBA
Place: Coliseum Grounds
Time: TBA

If you are interested in entering this contest, please contact Annette for an entry form. Entry form is due to our office by November 15th, 5 p.m.

Horse Judging

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

Horse Information

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

LIVESTOCK NEWS

Validations (Swine)

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

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

Swine Validation Dates:

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

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Website

Check out their website at www.bcjls.com. 2008 Bexar County Rules and entry forms are posted on their website or available from our office. The Bexar County Junior Livestock Show is looking for businesses to advertise on their website, for more information visit their website at www.bcjls.com. There is also an Events Calendar with scheduled board meeting dates, locations and times.

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Raffle Tickets

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

Texas Show Pig Sales Trail

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

Swine Workshop

Date: Saturday, Nov. 17
Place: Boysville
Time: 9-11 a.m.

Topics will include selection, feeding and preparing for show. Bring your barrows/gilts to practice

Helotes Clover Classic

Date: Saturday, Nov. 24
Place: Walter Gerlach Show Grounds
Time: 10 a.m.

Entry form enclosed with flyer. If you have any questions, give Phil a call at 210/254-3497.

Rabbit Clinic

Date: Wednesday, November 14
Place: County Extension Office S-208
Time: 7 p.m.

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

Livestock Judging Team Qualifications

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

Guadalupe County-Oct. 6	
Aggie Fest-Nov 3	
Bexar County-Jan. 4	Due: Jan. 4
Nueces County-Jan. TBA	Due: Jan. TBA
S.A.L.E.-Feb. TBA	Due: Nov. 15
Houston-Mar. TBA	Due: Nov. 15
Victoria-Mar. TBA	Due: Feb. TBA

To be eligible to be on the district team, you must participate in at least two (2) of the contests and the average of the two (2) highest scores will be the qualifying score. All contest scores must be sent to the County Extension office. There is a great website that has Livestock Judging publications for your use at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/youth/pubs.html>.

Stock Shows

We have received entry information on:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Major Stock Show Processing Fee

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

Major Show Entry Workshop

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

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

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

Major Show Entries and Judging Contest Entries

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

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

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

If your entry form is not filled out correctly, it will be returned to you. Please make sure all signatures are complete. Some shows require the entry form to be notarized, **WE DO NOT HAVE A NOTARY IN OUR OFFICE.** Checks should be made out to Bexar 4-H Fund.

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

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.

Prospect Shows

- Silver Dollar Swine, Lamb & Goat Classic, Nov. 3, Monahans.
- Silver Dollar Steer & Heifer Show, Nov. 4, Monahans.
- Chico Buckle Show, Nov. 10, Decatur
- Dove Country Steer & Heifer Classic, Nov. 17-18, Kenedy
- Triple L Cowboy Classic, Dec. 8, Atascosa County Showbarn
- Hill Country Goat Classic, Dec. 15, Bandera
- Cowboy Capital Lamb Classic, Dec. 16, Bandera

Contact Annette for more information on these prospect shows.

Farm Service Agency Rural Youth Loans

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

Veterinary Science Workshop

Date: Monday, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 3, Apr. 7
Place: County Extension office S-208
Time: 7 p.m.

This workshop is a learning series to help youth meet their required learning lessons in the veterinary science project. Mark your calendar with the next six meeting dates.

Our sponsors helps us defray the cost of postage:

Many thanks to the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show and Helotes 4-H Booster Club for sponsoring this newsletter. Check out their flyers enclosed.

OUTDOOR FUN

CORE Program

The CORE (Conservation of Resources and Ethics Education) next program is "From River to Sink, What's In My Drink" at the Witte Museum on Saturday, Nov. 17, 9:00 a.m. This program is a two hour **hands on** educational program that teaches participants about important water components and how laboratory methods are used for water quality testing. Please RSVP to Nelson by Nov. 14 to make sure we have enough refreshments. If you need a ride, our County van will be available. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis due to limited space. Email Nelson to get your name on the seating list at nadiarte@ag.tamu.edu. Van will leave the 4-H Office at 8:30 a.m. You can also meet the group at the Witte Museum's parking lot (by Frost Bank & Tuleta St.) by 9 a.m.

Hill Country 4-H Archery Tournament

Date: Saturday, Dec. 1
Place: Hill Country Fair Grounds, Hillsboro
Cost: \$12

Deadline is Nov. 20. For entry form and map contact Annette.

Bexar County 4-H Shotgun Club

If you are interested in shotgun shooting (Skeet, Trap, and 5 Stand) and in learning proper techniques associated in shooting sports and proper care and respect for firearms, then this is the club for you. For more information email Don Stephens at dstephens@masonclaims.com.

Shooting Sports Website

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

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

ETC, ETC....

Resources for Club Planning

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

Beekeeping Essay Contest

Topic is "The Results of Honey Bee Pollination in My Community". Essay must be at least 750 words. Top three placing receive cash awards. Essay is due to A&M by January 31. For rules and application contact Pam.

Curriculum and Videos

If you are looking for a publication, please visit the Texas IA&M Bookstore at tcebookstore.org. There are also videos available for check out at av-library.tamu.edu.

2008 Source Book

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

100 Pennies for 100 Years

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

Handmade Placemats

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

Birthday Party in a Shoebox

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

Let's Say Thanks

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

Bexar County 4-H Outreach Recycling Fundraiser

The 4-H Outreach Program has an exciting fundraising effort. 4-H Outreach clubs are collecting empty inkjet, laser, copier and fax cartridges for recycling and earn money at the same time. They are inviting you to donate your ink cartridges and help protect our environment and assist in the fundraising needs of the 4-H Outreach Program. You can drop your ink cartridges off at our office. If you have any questions or need more information contact Mike in our office.

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

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

CLOVERS TO

Many thanks to Santanna & Tony Duron, Jasmine Garcia, Veronica Juarez, Marion Maldonado, Makenna Lange & family and Esther & Sarah Sell for helping to fold the September Newsletter. Also, thank you to the Encino 4-H Club for folding the October Newsletter.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Haven 4-H - Leah Marvel

We had ice cream, then while the children went into the hallway to play games, the adults talked about what 4-H is. Brittany Vorheis, our Health & Safety officer talked about a community service project and Leah Marvel, our Reporter, handed out a copy of the Haven 4-H monthly newsletter.

Haven 4-H - Leah Marvel

The Haven 4-H October meeting began with the call to order. Brittany Vorheis led the 4-H motto and Ashley Vorheis led the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, Lucas Duncan introduced our new guests, and Jackie Binder read the treasurer's report. Then we discussed what has been going on with the different projects. The Reporter handed out the Haven 4-H monthly newsletter. After that came the fun part: The officer installation. All the officers were recognized, given some candy and their name badges. For old and new business, we discussed community service projects: 100 pennies for 100 years, party in a box, canned food drive, making placemats for Jimenez Thanksgiving, and folding newsletters. Brittany Vorheis collected items to donate to the Humane Society. To end the meeting, we played a leadership game while the leaders handed out the 4-H chocolate. Everyone left ready to sell some yummy 4-H chocolate!

Alamo Metro 4-H - Josh Hall

The Alamo Metro 4-H Club meeting was called to order at 4:30pm by our club President Rebecca Campbell. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fred Lorhman and this was followed by the 4-H Pledge. Secretary Josh Hall introduced the new members and guests. We had a report from the outgoing

Treasurer and the Club Charter was approved. Ben Hall explained about the Pennies for Progress and encouraged everyone to bring their pennies to the next meeting. We heard about the Community Service Projects that our club has been involved in and talked about new projects. Then we talked about the upcoming Food Show, Round Up, Chocolate Sales and the National 4-H Week. We hope to have a great year serving our community and to have lots of good learning experiences through our projects.

Alamo Metro 4-H - Josh Hall

Called our meeting to order at 4:40PM on Friday October 19th. We began with Victoria Campbell leading us in the U.S. pledge, followed by Rebecca Campbell leading with the 4-H pledge and 4-H Motto. The Secretary, Josh Hall, then took roll and read the minutes from the last meeting. We moved onto the Pennies for Progress report by Ben Hall, who set goals for collecting pennies for the year ahead, and the Community Service Projects. Chocolate Sales dates and venues were given and Rebecca Campbell encouraged everyone to attend the Public speaking meetings. We discussed the Round Up program, the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo tours. Before ending the meeting, we talked about District Spectra, the Leadership Retreat, and the Bexar Livestock show. The Poultry project which will be led by Mr. Hall was announced and the meeting was adjourned at 5:14PM. This was followed by recreational activities, which this month focused on making posters for the Canned Food Drive, and refreshments.

East Central 4-H - Ethan Schneider

We introduced new members. Ordered rabbits. Mr. & Mrs.

Ricks took chocolate orders. Announced workshops and contests coming up. Reminder everyone to turn in their raffle tickets.

East Central 4-H - Michelle Bailey

Ethan Schneider called the meeting to order. New members were introduced. Haleigh Ricks read the Treasurer's Report. Sign up sheets were available for community service opportunities at the Ronald McDonald House on Oct. 14. Will fold newsletters on Oct. 26. Sign up for the rifle club. Chocolate was handed out. Discussed the BCJLS entry forms due Nov. 1. Las Vegas Night fundraiser is Oct. 20.

Southwest Roughriders 4-H - Taylor Baldwin

Our club met at the Southwest Roughriders Memorial Tree to celebrate National 4-H Wee on Oct. 9. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge and Motto. We remembered our former members who are serving in the armed forces. We tied yellow ribbons to the tree which was planted by club members in 1989. Then we went to Southwest High School where our meeting was continued. We discussed our on going community service projects at McCulloch Historical Cemetery, the District 100 Pennies for 100 Years; and the Christmas package for Iraq. Everyone was reminded to bring canned food for the Lytle Food Pantry. We made plans for the chocolate sale at WalMart and our leaders told us about entry and validation dates.

St. Hedwig 4-H - Allison Moore

St Hedwig held its monthly meeting on October 10, 2007 at 7 p.m. Before the meeting we had a food and nutrition project meeting where we prepared Chicken Tetrizzini and fruit salad. We talked about the Salvation Army bears where many people received ribbons. The candy sale fundraiser continued. It was

announced that the Food Show is on November 10th and the deadline for it is October 29th. County roundup is on November 3rd and the deadline for that is also on October 29th. District 10 Spectra will be held on November 17-18. The next meeting will be held on November 1, 2007 at the American Legion Hall in St Hedwig, Texas.

Helotes Only 4-H - Ethan Walz

Helotes 4H LSO held their monthly meeting on October 8. Registration for BCJLS and Walter Gerlach Stockshow was held along with the distribution of candy. We announced various activities that need volunteer participation and accepted names wishing to help. We are continuing our coin drive for the Fisher House and announced that our next two community service projects, The Salvation Army Angel Tree and Elf Louise will kick off next month. Names of members interested in participating in School Tours for SALE were taken. Validation, clinic and prospect show dates were reviewed and the meeting was adjourned.

Leon Valley 4-H - Abby Sadler

We held our monthly meeting on Monday October 1st at Wanke Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by Shelby Williams. Guests and new members were introduced. Project reports were announced. Community service projects discussed were the 100 pennies for 100 years and making placements for the Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner. Details about the Food Show as well the County Roundup were announced. Members assembled individual record books to be used through out the year. Members also worked on making Liberty bracelets to sell at trade and market Days along with the candy. Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 12th, 2007.

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

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