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EARTH DAY

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

Reduce Energy Usage

Turn off appliances and lights when you leave the room.
 Use the microwave to cook small meals. (Uses less power than an oven.)
 Cut back on air conditioning and heating use if you can.
 Insulate your home, water heater and pipes.
 Replace incandescent light bulbs with Energy Star qualified Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFL). If every household in the U.S. replaced one light bulb with a CFL, it would prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of more than 800,000 cars.

http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=cfls.pr_cfls

Use less water

Don't let the water run while shaving or brushing teeth.
 Take short showers instead of tub baths.
 Wash only full loads of laundry or use the appropriate water level or load size selection on the washing machine.
 Water the lawn or garden during the coolest part of the day (early morning is best).
 Set sprinklers to water the lawn or garden only – not the street or sidewalk.

Recycle:

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

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

Earth Day is April 19th. Woodlawn Park will have lots of fun activities from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Let's make every day Earth Day.

QUOTE THIS MONTH

"The Earth laughs in flowers." Ralph Waldo Emerson

DATES HAVE BEEN SET



4-H Night with the Rampage . . . 4/4
 Vet Science Workshop 4/7
 Horse Leaders Mtg. 4/28
 County Fashion Show 4/12
 Council/Adult Leaders Mtg. . . . 4/17
 County Project Show 5/17
 Vegetable Show 5/24
 County Recordbooks DUE 6/30
 County Gold Star Award DUE . 6/30
 Gold Star Interviews 7/10

The goal of 4-H is to provide quality, relevant outreach and continuing education programs and services to the people of Texas.

THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR!

This month's newsletter is sponsored by Bexar 4-H Council.

Newsletter Sponsors Needed

If you know of someone that may be interested in helping the 4-H Program defray the cost of postage for our monthly newsletter, we need sponsors. A sponsor can insert an 8 ½ by 11 page of information. Cost is approximately \$80 and is mailed to over 600 families. If a sponsor needs more information, please contact Pam at 467-6575.

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 too lengthy. If you need more information or have any questions on any article, please give our office a call or visit our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu>.

HERE'S THE LATEST

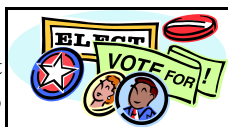
4-H Night with the Rampage

Its San Antonio vs Milwaukee Admirals on Friday, April 4th, 7 p.m. at the AT&T Center. \$15 per person includes one lower level game ticket, hot dog, chips and a soda. A portion of each ticket purchased will be donated to the Bexar County 4-H program. Deadline to order tickets is April 2nd. See enclosed flyer for more information and order form.

County 4-H Council/Adult Leaders Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 17th
Place: San Antonio Council Alcohol Drug Abuse,
South Texas Center, AT&T Bldg. #1,
7500 Hwy 90 W (map on our website)
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 2008-2009 County 4-H Council Mark your calendar and make plans to attend this meeting. There will be elections and many things to discuss.



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. The next opportunity will be at the County Fashion Show- April 12 or the Project Show - May 17. The project exhibits are not a competition and there is no entry form or fee. It is a chance for you to show off one of your 4-H projects and what you have learned. All you need to do is notify our office if you will need an easel or table.

Help Build a Playground

National 4-H has donated funds to the El Carmen Society for Community Advancement in the El Carmen area to build a wonderful community playground and you can help! The playground will go up much like the work on the tv show Extreme Home Makeover but it will happen in 1 day, on May 6, 2008. On the build day, we need volunteers 18 years and older to build, youth to help serve food and water and do kids activities. Before the day we need clubs to decorate cards to use as invites and thank yous. If you or your club want to sign up, let Pam know and we will send a detailed email with more information closer to build day.

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

Office Procedures

All visitors must check in with the receptionist. 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 for you.

Night Drop Slot

To help you meet deadlines, there is a night drop slot in the front door of our office. An 11"x13" envelope will fit through the slot.

Code of Conduct Policy

In order to participate in Bexar County 4-H events 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.

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.

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.

1-Events have entry forms to allow us to prepare for the event, buy ribbons, seek judges. This entry form is a contest specific form.

2-To participate in an event as a 4-H member during the time school is in session (i.e. August to graduation date) an eligibility form is required by the State of Texas "no pass, no play".

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.

You **will not** be able to participate in the event 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.

CAMPS, CAMPS AND MORE CAMPS

Texas 4-H Congress

Date: July 13-16

Place: Austin

Age: 15(at the time of the event) - 18

Cost: \$200 (lodging, meals & registration)

Due: On 4-H Connect April 1 - May 7

This program is a four day mock legislative experience for members 15-18 years old. You will assume the roles of senators, representatives, lobbyist and press corps, and special interest groups to gain a first-hand understanding of how the legislative process works. Adult chaperones are also needed to attend. For more information and an application contact Pam.

SpecTra '08

Date: July 28- August 1

Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood

Cost: \$295.00

Spectra is for youth (age 14-18) to enhance project knowledge, expand leadership skills, explore careers, and strengthen your self-image. Sessions include: Outdoor Education, 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/>** click on 4-H Connect beginning Feb. 18 on a first come-first serve basis. For more information on this camp visit <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu> click on Camps and Programs or visit our website or give Pam a call.

Prime Time '08

Session 1 - July 20-23 (age 12-13)

Session 2 - July 23-26 (age 9-11)

Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood

Cost: \$185.00

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 much 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/>** click on 4-H Connect beginning

Feb. 18 - July 7. For more information on this camp visit <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu> click on Camps and Programs or visit our website or give Pam a call.

Mission Possible

Date: June 25-27

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 much 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/>** click on 4-H Connect beginning Feb. 12 - May 15.

For more information on this camp visit <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu> click on Camps and Programs or visit our website or give Pam a call.

National 4-H Congress

Date: November 27 - December 2

Place: Atlanta, Georgia

Cost: \$1,300

Deadline: April 15

This program is for ages 14-18 to improve the ability to express themselves and increase awareness of leadership, citizenship and community service in 4-H. Registration will be on line via 4-H Connect at <http://4-htamu.edu> click on 4-H Connect. For more information and how to register contact Pam or visit our website.

Simple Solutions for Change Conference

Date: June 17-21

Place: Michigan

Cost: \$375 (scholarships available)

This conference is open to any 10-12 graders. It will provide the tools necessary to create positive change in your community. For complete details visit www.ayf.com.

Adventure Challenge '08

Date: June 1-7

Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
Cost: 325.00
Deadline: May 16

This program is for ages 14-18 who enjoy the outdoors are up for a challenge. The camp will explore and experience the natural wonders of the Rio Frio. Registration will be on line on 4-H Connect at <http://4-h.tamu.edu> click on 4-H Connect. Registration is on a first come-first serve basis until May 16. For more information on this camp visit <http://4h-ctr.tamu.edu> click on Camps and Programs or give Pam a call.

H.S. Estelle 4-H Youth Camp

Date: July 7-11 or July 14-18
Place: Huntsville
Ages: 3rd grade - 17 years
Cost: To be Determined
Due: To be Determined

Campers participate in leadership, computer awareness, creative learning and more fun activities. Contact Patrice for an application or visit our website.

Career Awareness & Youth Leadership Laboratory

Date: June 11-13
Place: Prairie View A&M University
Cost: To be Determined
Ages: 14-19
Due: To be Determined

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

District 10 Leadership Lab

Date: June 23-25
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
Cost: \$150 (lodging, meals, insurance)
Age: 13 (as of June 23, 2008) - 17 years
(no graduating seniors, except officers)

The objective of the lab is for participants to take back to their county what they have learned (leadership development, problem solving and more) and train others in their county. There will also be fun activities to include: volleyball, tennis, swimming and more. Adult chaperones are needed on a 1 to 8 ratio. Registration is via 4-H Connect at <http://4-h.tamu.edu> click on 4-H Connect from May 1- May 23. If your child goes, we need to plan for adult chaperones!! If you need more information visit <http://d104-h.tamu.edu/events/leadershiplab.html> or give Pam a call.

Spring Fling "Steppin Into Spring"

Date: April 21-25
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
Cost: \$180 (meals and housing)
Due: April 11

This fling is for people 50 and over. Highlights are crafting, games, variety show and more. For more information and registration form contact Pam.

LEARN AND HAVE FUN TOO!!!!

Project Show

Date: Saturday, May 17
Place: Helotes 4-H Activity Center
Due: May 1
Fee: \$2 per entry



The Bexar County 4-H Project Show is just around the corner. Get your photographs, artwork, baked goods, quilts and more ready! There will be wonderful projects to see and prizes to be won. This show is open to anyone, they **DO NOT** have to be enrolled in 4-H. Spread the word to your friends, school and anyone you think would like to show off their creative skills. If you need an entry form contact your Club Manager or our office or visit our website. You can drop off your entries at the Helotes 4-H Activity Center on Friday, May 16 between 6-8 p.m. or Saturday, May 17 between 9-10 a.m. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT FOR JUDGING.** Awards presentation of ribbons is at 1:30 p.m. We need judges to help evaluate the entries. If you are interested in judging, please give Pam a call.

District 4-H Horticulture Show

Date: Saturday, May 24, 9 - 10 a.m. registration
Place: Alzafar Shrine Temple, 901 North Loop 1604
Cost: \$5 per member, due at registration on May 24

There are 35 vegetables classes you can enter. For list of classes and an entry form contact Pam or visit our website. Entry fee is \$5 per member. **No** pre-registration is required.

New this year is the Floral Design Contest. Entry fee is \$10. **Pre**-registration is required for this contest on 4-H Connect at <http://4-h.tamu.edu> click on 4-H Connect. Deadline to enter on 4-H Connect is April 30. You will need eligibility forms to compete.

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

SCHOLARSHIPS

San Antonio Livestock Exposition Cooperative Extension Program Scholarship

SALE and Cooperative Extension Program (CEP) will award 2 four year scholarships for \$10,000 each. The 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 a list of degrees and more information contact Patrice. Scholarships are due April 7th.

Norman Vestal Memorial Scholarship

The Rotary Club of San Antonio will give four (\$500) scholarships to 2008 graduating seniors who plan to pursue a career in agriculture (to include agribusiness). Deadline is April 4th, 4 p.m. For a copy of the criteria and application contact Annette at the office or visit the Rotary Club website at www.rotarysa.org/normanvestal.cfm.

Alamo Community College Scholarship

The Alamo Community College District (ACCD) Foundation and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition are seeking students who pursue careers in one of the following program areas: Agribusiness, Agriculture, Allied Health, Nursing, Pre-Medicine, Veterinary Technology and more. For a copy of the application and list of program areas visit their website at www.accd.edu/district/schships/doc/SALEAPP.doc. Application is due by April 23 to the Alamo Community College District.

Bill Wyche, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

The Texas Section of the Society for Range Management is offering \$1,000 college scholarship to a deserving high school senior who is interested in range management studies. Application deadline is April 30 to the committee. For a copy of the scholarship and criteria contact Pam.

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.

Word of Wisdom: High School juniors can take the SAT this semester. It will give you a heads up for scholarship applications you will start in the fall. SAT and ACT's will need to be taken before December 2008, so you will have the scores in time to apply for the 2009 4-H Foundation Scholarships.

COUNCIL CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Candidate Opportunity

Listed below are those interested in being considered as a candidate for this year's County 4-H Council Officer Elections. Elections will be held at our regularly scheduled County 4-H Council meeting, Thursday, April 17.

Nominations will also be taken from the floor the day of the meeting.

Criteria to run for a council officer position:

- ✓members (past or present) 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, 2007
- ✓no more than 2 members from any one club can be elected in the same year.

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?

Who votes for your new County Council Officers? Each club has club officers along with two (2) club delegates. Your club delegates attend the County Council Meetings and represent your club with their vote. If you only have one (1) club delegate the

other defaults to your club president. Club delegates, make sure to mark your calendar for the April 17 meeting to cast your vote for your new 2008-2009 County Council Officers.

Mikala Tondre

I have been a member of the Southwest Roughriders for 6 years and have held the offices of President, 1st Vice President, Parliamentarian and County Council Delegate. I have been involved in Swine, Photography, Veterinary Science, Sheep, Safety and Consumer. I am on the Scrapbook committee and have participated in Roundup, Mega Meeting and I am Vice President of the District Swine Development Committee. Please vote for me and I will do my best to serve you well.

Danielle Wilkins

I am a 7 year member of Helotes and served 5 of those years as an elected officer and am currently the Club Council Delegate. I realized I wanted to do more and believe I can by serving as a Council officer. I am interested in running for 2nd Vice President or District Council Delegate. I feel I'm qualified for this position because I am driven, outgoing, possess strong work ethics, and believe strongly in 4-H. I understand this is a great responsibility and would be honored to represent Bexar County 4-H.

Chris Barber

I am 15 years old and am enjoying my 5th year in Team K. I am

currently the 1st Vice President and have also served as 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President and Club Council Delegate. I have been the Teen Leader for the Food & Nutrition project and set up and arranged community service at the Food Bank for 2 years. I have been the lead for the 4-H Outreach Recycling Fundraiser for my club. I enjoy learning and experiencing new leadership opportunities and look forward to growth in my leadership skills.

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

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

County Fashion Show

Date: Saturday, April 12

Place: County Extension office S-208

Cost: \$2.00

Entry Forms Due: April 1

Do you like to sew? **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 a garment. You are judged on how well the garment is constructed, how well it fits and your knowledge of textiles. You wear your garment in front of judges who ask you what you learned, why you sewed or bought the garment.

Entry information is available. 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.**

officer descriptions and application.

County Textile Show

Date: Saturday, April 12

Place: County Extension office S-208

Cost: Free

Entry Forms Due: April 1

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

This is a fun 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.

Entry information is available.

NOTE: NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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, Textile 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

HORSE NEWS

Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, April 28

Place: County Extension Office

Time: 7 p.m.



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

that you would like to share with your members.

Qualifying Horse Shows

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

- 1) January 4, 2008 - Bexar County Junior Livestock Show
 - 2) March 29, 2008 - Posse Arena
 - 3) April 26, 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 who would like to attend.

4-H Calf Roping & Break-A-Way School

Date: June 15-19
Place: Stephenville
Cost: \$350 (meals, lodging, stall rent, insurance)
Due: May 16

This event is to develop leadership ability in roping activities for ages 12 years and older. For detailed information and entry form contact Annette.

New Horse Validation Form

Please note that there are **major changes** for the horse project and the District Horse Show this year due to new requirements from the State level. All horses must be validated by May 1, 2008 with a \$10.00 validation fee per horse. You must validate your horse, if you are using it to compete in any county, district or state contest. If a horse is being validated for more than one child in the family, that horse may only be validated one time but all children need to be listed for the animal. The **new validation forms** are available at http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/academics/equine/state_show/08-project-validation.pdf or from our office. Contact Sonija, 210/467-6575, if you have any questions.

Horse Clinics

Please check your next months newsletter for some local horse clinics that will be available to all 4-H members, parents and leaders. If there is a certain clinic you would like the Bexar 4-H Horse Leaders to have please contact Sonija at 210/467-6575.

Horse Information

What to know more about the 4-H Horse Program visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/index.html> or go to http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/academics/equine/cea_newletter.html. The January - April 2008 CEA Horse Newsletter is posted to the web with many workshop opportunities, check it out.



LIVESTOCK NEWS

Goat/Lamb State Fair of Texas (Dallas) Validation Tags

The cost is \$7.00 per lamb/goat tag for the show. Deadline to send in an the order form for lambs/goats is Monday, April 14. Late tags may be ordered for \$20 A validation order form is enclosed in this newsletter.

Steer Validation

Steer Validation will be held in June, but the deadline to order validation tags is Monday, April 14. All steers (NOT HEIFERS) that will be exhibited at the Bexar County and major shows must be validated. Cost will be \$8 per head. Complete the Steer Validation form (enclosed) and return it to our office by Monday, April 14th. Make your check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund. Watch for validation dates to be scheduled for June announced in the upcoming newsletters .

Veterinary Science Workshop

Date: Monday, Apr. 7, May 5
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 couple meeting dates.

Howard College Goat Camp

Date: June 1 - 3
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 8 - 10
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.

Youth Range Workshop

Date: June 15-20
Place: Texas Tech University
Cost: \$260 (meals, lodging, supplies for workshop)
Due: First Come - First Serve

This workshop is for youth 14-17 years old who are interested in range, ranch, and natural resource management. Contact Annette for complete details and registration form.

Texas Pork Leadership Camp

Date: June 15-20
Place: Amarillo to College Station
Cost: \$350

This camp is for 11-12 graders who will have an in-depth look at the pork industry through tours and hands-on activities. For details and an application contact Annette.

OUTDOORS

Tom Green County 4-H Shotgun Shoot-Out

Date: May 3
Place: San Angelo
Cost: \$75/shooter in all classes, includes trap, skeet & 5 stand
Due: April 22

Contact Annette for an entry form.

Outdoor Activities

Want to plan an outdoor activity - need some ideas call Nelson.

Fishing Equipment Available

We have limited fishing equipment for check out, if your club wants to have a "fishy" event, contact Nelson

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.

Wildfest San Antonio

Date: May 2-4

This event will educate you about San Antonio's natural and historical environment. For more information, visit www.wildfestSA.com.

Shooting Sports Website

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

ETC, ETC....

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.

Resources for Club Planning

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

100 Hero Packs for 100 Years

One of our District Community Service Projects is the Hero Packs to support the youth of our military families. Bexar County has been assigned photo albums/scrapbooks to help keep pictures in order. You can turn in items at the District Fashion Show on April 26. If you have any questions contact Mike.

Bexar County 4-H Outreach Recycling Fundraiser

The 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 need more information contact Mike in our office.

Many thanks to the Helotes and Harmony 4-H (Amy, Sylvia & Jim Moran, Adam Segura, Kyle Jordan, Ashley & Monica Pollok, Andrew, Angel, Annie & Betty McCauley) for helping to fold the March newsletter.

Ariel M. Seitzer, Helotes 4-H showed at the Star Of Texas Fair & Rodeo placing 3rd with her junior breeding heifer, and Grand Champion Youth Breeding with her boer goat, and Grand Champion Open Breeding with her boer goat.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Alamo Metro 4-H - Josh Hall

On February 22 Fred Lohrman called the Alamo Metro monthly meeting to order at 4:40pm. Della Manifold led the pledge to the U.S. flag and Josh Hall led the 4-H pledge. Then the secretary took roll; there were no guests to report. Josh Hall read the minutes, and Ben Hall gave the Pennies for Progress report. Mrs. Carden told us that the Campbells and Goolsbays were preparing fruit baskets for the Optimist Club. Mrs. Carden signed up all Intermediates and Seniors for Consumer Education. Fred Lohrman said that he will have some cool classes in Science and Technology. We were told that there is a Youth Advisory meeting on Tuesday at the Extension Office. The "Train the Trainer" Financial Education Seminar is in July. We talked about the photos and mounting for the Photography contest which are due by March 14th. We were reminded about the Fashion Show on April 12th and Record Book Training on March 4th. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

Leon Springs 4-H - Samantha Gerlach

We decided on a community service activity to participate. We had numerous new members. We had many members that did well at Bexar County, Gerlach, and San Antonio. Office nominations were held and elections will be at next months meeting.

Southside 4-H - Whitney Nicole Culp

Talked about food & nutrition, textiles, community service and sports and fishing.

East Central 4-H - Michelle Berry

Our monthly meeting was held on March 3 at Mesquite Hall. Two new members were introduced and recent awards were announced from the San Antonio Show. Some old business that was discussed is that copies of thank you notes from the Bexar County Auction need to be turned in before any checks are issued. Also, we will be having our rabies clinic on March 29 at the Knights of Columbus. We voted on whether to buy a sign or not for the clinic. Nominations for officers for next year will be taken at the April meeting and we will vote in May. We made suggestions for the end of the year party. Our next meeting will be on April 7 @ 7:00 P.M.

District 4-H Horse Judging Results:

Intermediate Team - 4th - Haley Ross, Malory Moore, Samantha Wetz & Sierra Groomer.

Senior Team - 1st - Kristen Liesman, Karissa Milu, Kathryn Hodges & Sarah Sell.

Senior High Point - Karissa Milu -1st, Kristen Liesman - 3rd

Texas Outlaws 4-H -

The meeting came to order at 7 p.m., called by the President DeeDec (Danielle), roll call with an attendance of 10 members, 2 adult leaders and 5 parents. Total of 17 present. February was a

competition in school. The club was approached by area ranches to participate in a fundraiser for the local volunteer fire dept, a total of seven ranches will be involved, a vote was taken and the club agreed to participate, all proceeds to the volunteer fire dept. The members agreed to have a camp out BBQ the night before the fundraiser at the "Cilla C Ranch" with campers, R.V.'s, and tents. Updated News: Manual "Manny" Cerrillo soccer team placed 2nd in the championship finals, Brianna Harrell was accepted at Retama Racing sports and has completed one license for conditioning horse training is currently working on a second license on track training. San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo News: Alyssa Flores, 1st in 3-D barrels and 2nd in 4-D barrels and placed 3rd in pole bending winning's over a \$1,000. Emitt Hall placed 3rd overall in heading and steer stoping winning's over \$200. Victoria Pecina has been chosen due to high level grades for workshops one which she completed at Texas A&M, Corpus Christi and a 2nd workshop in March at Texas A&M, College Station. Victoria is on gifted/talented nominated by her school for scholarships and as she puts it a future veterinarian. Adult leaders were ask what they were up to: Stacey Ramirez was chosen during a community trailride to be Queen with an attendance of over 150 trailriders, Stacy was a hit with the visiting trailriders from all parts of Mexico including carrying the Mexico Flag on the grand entry, Charles Cervantes our coach was appointed one of two in San Antonio by the Secret Service to participate with the security (plain clothes) with the visit of candidate Obama to the west side of town. Next meeting in two weeks, date to be announced.

Haven - Leah Marvel

The February Haven 4-H business meeting took place on February 5th, 2008 @ 7pm at the Marvel Home. The president called the meeting to order and Jonathon Vorheis and Natasha Haight led the 4-H motto and the Pledge of Allegiance. The secretary read the minutes, and they were approved. The health and safety officer showed a video clip about stranger safety. We discussed the vet science project. Thanks were given to members who participated in Youth Day. We also discussed pennies for progress. For new business, we planned next month's program. A leadership lesson about sticking to the topic took place. We then discussed the upcoming photography project and the project show. Our program was showing appreciation- using art to thank others.

Haven - Leah Marvel

The March Haven 4-H business meeting took place on March 4th, 2008 @ 7pm at the Marvel Home. The president called the meeting to order and Ashley Vorheis and Jonathan Vorheis led the 4-H motto and the Pledge of Allegiance. The secretary read the minutes, and they were approved. The health and safety officer told us how to check our pulse, and gave a quiz about peer pressure. We discussed the vet science project, and an update on the clothing and textiles project was given. Leah Marvel handed out the Haven 4-H Horn monthly newsletter. For old business, a future field trip for the Vet Science project was discussed. Pennies for progress were also collected. For new business, a new community service was discussed. Then Jackie Binder read a thank you card addressed to the group. After that, announcements were made. For our program, we played a fun leadership game called Whom to Leave Behind.

Have a Great Fiesta!!!!



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

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Lamb/goat validation for State Fair of Texas (Dallas) will be in June. All lambs/goats to be shown at the State Fair of Texas (Dallas) must be validated. Ear tags, hair samples and nose prints will be taken. Cost will be \$7.00 per head for tags. Return this form and total amount \$\$ by Monday, April 14 Make checks payable to Bexar 4-H Fund.

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Lambs: _____ No. Head x \$8.00 = \$ _____

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