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### WELCOME GREG MYLES TO BEXAR COUNTY!!

Great news! We have a new 4-H Agent... His name is Greg Myles.

One of Greg's primary responsibilities will be oversight of 60 4-H clubs throughout Bexar County with a combined membership of about 2,900 youth. Other duties will include developing educational programming and coordinating after-school and out-of-school educational opportunities in conjunction with area 4-H clubs.

"Greg's past Air Force experience along with his subsequent experience working in a variety of education-related endeavors make him an excellent fit for this position," said Lupe Landeros, director of the AgriLife Extension office for Bexar County. "His ability to organize, coordinate, develop and promote programs, particularly youth education programs, will be extremely valuable to the youth he will serve in his position here."

In the 10 years since retiring from the Air Force, Greg has worked on the organization, management and marketing of several education-based programs for youth development and student success.

His past positions include his role as consultant for the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority, senior associate with the Early Awareness and Outreach program for the Missouri Department of Higher Education, and director of a higher education awareness and readiness program at St. Louis Community College.

Greg's professional activities have included promoting and managing a statewide college access program, pre-college outreach activities, representing higher education at local, state and national levels, and providing administrative leadership for educational programming.

"Helping students build self-confidence and acquire the skills and knowledge to achieve their goals in education and in life has become my passion," said Greg. "I plan to bring that same enthusiasm to my role as the new AgriLife Extension agent for 4-H and youth development for Bexar County."

Please stop by and introduce yourself.

### QUOTE THIS MONTH

"Experience is not what happens to a man; it is what a man does with what happens to him". Adlous Huxley

**DATES HAVE  
BEEN SET**



- Club Officer Training . . . . . 8/5
- County Awards Program . . . . . 8/8
- Club Manager Training . . . . . 8/11
- Club Manager Training . . . . . 8/12
- Club Manager Training . . . . . 8/16
- Leader Summit . . . . . 8/18
- Mega Meeting . . . . . 8/23
- Chocolate Sale Kick Off . . . . . 9/23
- Council/Adult Meeting . . . . . 10/16

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

## 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/4H>.

## HERE'S THE LATEST

### Re-Enroll Now....

You must re-enroll in 4-H by September 30 for the 2008-2009 year. You can re-enroll starting at your next meeting. To be eligible to compete in activities beginning in October you need to enroll in September. After September 30, if you have **NOT** re-enrolled you will be removed from our enrollment program and no longer receive information. Lots of important dates and information (validation dates, contest dates, workshop dates, etc.) will be announced in the upcoming newsletters, make sure you re-enroll to continue receiving updated information.

Another reason to re-enroll now....when you enter a contest or stock show as a 4-H member, we check to see if we have an enrollment form on you in our office. If we **do not** have a form, you will be denied participation. So, don't delay-fill out your enrollment form now!

### Recordbooks

**WOW!** We had 151 recordbooks and 128 project forms turned in this year at County level. There were 57 recordbooks that placed to move on to District Judging. Congratulations, we have 14 senior members moving on from District level to State level. Get started in September by completing a project form for every project you complete

### Helotes 4-H Club Sign Up

If you would like to join the Helotes 4-H Club in Helotes, they will have a Sign Up night on Thursday, August 14 from 6-9 p.m. at the Helotes 4-H Activity Center.

### Harmony 4-H Club Sign Up

If you would like to join the Harmony 4-H Club in the Southeast area of town, please give Sylvia a call at 913-3818.

### Team K 4-H Club Sign Up

If you would like to join the Team K 4-H homeschool club in the Northeast area of town, please give Sheree a call at 641-1940.

### Rural Youth Award

This award is for youth who have shown outstanding leadership in 4-H and the community.

- must be 16 and a high school junior Aug. 31, 08
- active member for at least 3 years
- must degree in an agriculture, life science major
- and much more

For complete criteria and application give Pam a call or visit our website. Application due to the District office by Sept. 12.

### Club Manager Training

Date(s): Monday, August 11, 2-3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, August 12, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Saturday, August 16, 9 10:30 a.m.  
Place: County Extension office S-208

**O**ne Club Manager from each club is **required** to attend this training. If you do not attend, your club **will not** be chartered this year. Everything you will need to run your club will be handed out at this meeting. Enrollment forms have changed, **do not** use last years forms. New 2008-2009 member and leader enrollment forms are available from our office, if you want to get a head start on enrolling your members/leaders. The Bexar County 4-H Council provides every club with a file box to help organize your materials. Bring it and we will help you update it. New Club Managers will be given a file box for your materials.

### Leader Summit – First of It's Kind

Date: Monday, August 18, 2008  
Place: County Extension office  
Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**C**lub managers, activity leaders and ALL project leaders: Mark your calendar for our Leader Summit. All leaders, adults and teens are invited. There will be top notch training on conducting projects and activities, discussion of risk management at project activities, and selection of county leader and county wide project trainings.

Calendar planning for events and activities (Agriculture and Family & Consumer Science) will also be completed that night.

RSVP for refreshments by Aug. 13 and watch your mail/email for more information.

### Chocolate Sale Kick-Off

Date: Tuesday, September 23  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Place: County Extension office

**C**lub chocolate chairpersons are invited to attend to eat (pizza) and haul away your chocolate. Funds earned are divided between the 4-H Council and the clubs. Your club earns \$10 for every case of chocolate sold. Three top sellers will be awarded a bond or gift certificate. Watch the next newsletter for more information.

## **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.

### **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 is **your** responsibility to verify that we received it. Please read the 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. Best yet-beat the rush and turn in information early!

### **Code of Conduct Policy**

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.

### **Clarification On Event Entry & 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. Deadline will be extended.

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 House Bill "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. We do our best to send eligibility forms to members, but the ultimate responsibility for getting a form, having it completed and returned to our office is the members! **If you are a 4-H member, entered into any event or contest during the school year, you need an eligibility form to participate - No Exceptions.**

### **Making Copies**

If you need a copy of a form for your file, please make copies before turning forms into our office.

## **LEARN AND HAVE FUN TOO!!!!**

### **District Mega Meeting**

Date: Saturday, August 23

Place: Medina High School, Castroville

Make plans to attend this meeting on Saturday, August 23. It is a good time to provide your input on how District 4-H project workshops and District contests are organized. Members have the opportunity to run for leadership positions on various project committees. There will be several project workshops (Clothing, Photography, Beef and more). For more information about Mega Meeting, please visit our website or give Pam a call.

### **Salvation Army Doll/Bear Auction**

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Doll/Bear Auction will benefit the Salvation Army. You can help by dressing the dolls or bears. The clothing should be hand crafted, creative, imaginative and original. You can call ahead to order your dolls or bears from Cathy at 352-2000. Dolls/bears are due to the Salvation Army by Nov. 7

## FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

### Family and Consumer Science Project Activities

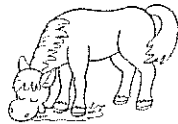
Mark your calendar to attend the Leader Summit on Monday, August 18 to identify and plan future FCS workshops and contests.

<http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/4Hnewsletters/newsletters.htm>.

## HORSE NEWS

### Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, Aug. 18  
Place: County Extension office  
Time: 6:30 p.m.



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

The 2008 rules are available at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu> or <http://tcebookstore.org>.

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

### 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\\_new\\_sletter.html](http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/academics/equine/cea_new_sletter.html). The May-August 2008 CEA Horse Newsletter is posted to the web with many workshop opportunities, check it out.

## LIVESTOCK NEWS

### Goat Clinic

Date: Thursday, October 16  
Place: Good News Lutheran Church (Hwy 181 & Old Corpus Christi Rd.)  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Topics will include nutrition and showmanship.

### Bexar County Broilers

Orders are due Friday, September 5 to our office. Please submit your order in writing with the following information: Name, address, club, exhibitor SS#, phone number and number of birds you are ordering. Cost is \$1.35 per chick. Each exhibitor or family must purchase a minimum of 25 or a maximum of 50 per exhibitor. REMINDER: You CANNOT show these broilers at SALE or Houston shows only at the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show. Make your check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund for your broiler order. The entry fee to exhibit your broilers is a separate fee which will be paid with your Bexar County entry card fees due in November.

### Validations (Swine)

This Validation Program will meet our identification requirements. Major shows include the following statement in their 2008-2009 Premium List: "To be eligible to exhibit in the 2008-2009 Junior Market Show, all swine 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".

The cost is \$8.00 per hog tag for major shows (State Tag) and \$2.00 per hog tag for the county show (County Tag). Deadline to order for hogs will be Friday, August 29. A order form is enclosed in this newsletter.

The committee realizes that this is very early and before many animals are purchased, but this must be done prior to the state deadline in order to make enough tags for the entire state. The best recommendation is to order more than you plan, but realize these are not refundable. Watch for validation dates in your upcoming newsletters.

### **Calf Scramble**

It's time to sign up for the 2008-2009 show calf scrambles. If you are 12 years old (before August 31, 2008) and will not be past your junior year in high school, you are eligible. If selected to scramble, you attend a rodeo performance and attempt to catch a wild calf. If you catch a calf, you receive a certificate to purchase an animal (each show is different in what type of animal can be purchased) and take it to that show the following year. REMINDER: You are not eligible to scramble at a show where you have previously caught a calf. You must be enrolled in 4-H for the year 2008-2009 (enrollment begins now, get a form from your Club Manager) and be academically eligible. If interested, complete the enclosed form and return it to our office before Friday, August 29.

### **Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Golf Tournament**

Date: Sunday, October 26  
Place: The Golf Club of Texas at Briggs Ranch

Several packages are available. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. For more information and a registration form visit their website at [www.bcjls.com](http://www.bcjls.com) or give Kevin a call at 508-5404.

### **Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Barn Raiser**

Date: Saturday, September 13  
Place: St. Jerome's Church Hall (7955 Real Rd.)  
Time: 6 p.m.  
Cost: \$100 admits 2

This will be an exciting night of great food, auctions, music and prizes. For more information visit their website at [www.bcjls.com](http://www.bcjls.com) or give Keith a call at 602-8435.

### **Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Website**

Check out their website at [www.bcjls.com](http://www.bcjls.com). 2009 Bexar County Rules are now posted on their website.

### **Stock Shows**

We have NOT received entry information on:

Dates have been set for these stock shows:

2009 Bexar County Junior Livestock Show - Dec. 30-Jan. 3 2009  
2009 Ft. Worth Stock Show & Rodeo - Jan. 16 - Feb. 8, 2009  
2009 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo - Feb. 5 - 22, 2009  
2009 San Angelo Stock Show - February 19- Mar. -1, 2009  
2009 Houston Stock Show & Rodeo - March 3 - 22, 2009  
2009 Star of Texas Stock Show & Rodeo - March 13 - 26, 2009

Please mark these dates on your calendar.

### **San Antonio Stock Show Fall Fest Mutton Bustin**

Date: Saturday, September 27  
Place: AT&T Center, Cattle Barn #2  
Cost: \$25 per ride

This event is for ages 4 - 7 and weigh more than 55 pounds. Registration is on a first come-first serve basis. For an entry form contact Michael at 825-2285 or visit our website.

### **Medina County Fair Steer & Heifer Show**

Date: September 13-14  
Place: Medina County Fairgrounds (Hondo)  
Due: September 1

For more information on this show, visit their website at [www.medinacountyfair.org](http://www.medinacountyfair.org) or call Jason at 830/741-6180

### **Medina County Fair Meat Goat & Lamb Show**

Date: September 20-21  
Place: Medina County Fairgrounds (Hondo)  
Due: September 8

For more information on this show, visit their website at [www.medinacountyfair.org](http://www.medinacountyfair.org) or call Jason at 830/741-6180.

### **Rabbit Clinic**

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

This clinic will teach you about housing, selection, showmanship and much more.

### **Howard County Steer, Meat Goat & Lamb Fair**

Date: September 26-28  
Place: Big Spring  
Due: Sept. 13

For more information and an entry form contact Tommy at 432/466-3131.

### **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.

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

## OUTDOOR FUN

### Outdoor Activities

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

### Fishing Equipment Available

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

### 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](mailto:dstephens@masonclaims.com).

### Shooting Sports Website

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

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### 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.

## ETC, ETC....

### Curriculum and Videos

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

### 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/>.

## CLOVERS TO

Thank you to everyone who helped sort recordbooks on July 1.

Thank you to everyone who helped judge 151 recordbooks on July 9. Without your help, we would not have finished in one day.

Good luck to the 14 seniors that placed at District Recordbook Judging and will move on to State Recordbook Judging. County and District Recordbook Judging results are posted on our website under the Recordbook file.

District Vegetable Show results are posted on our website.

State Roundup Results are posted on our website.

Foundation Scholarship results are posted on our website.

# 4-H CLUB NEWS

Club monthly reports are posted on our website under Club Monthly Reports file.

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

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We will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for our events. We request that you contact our office 2 weeks in advance of the event to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you will require.

**STATE SWINE VALIDATION TAG ORDER-DUE FRIDAY, AUGUST 29**

Swine validation for Bexar County will be in November. All hogs to be shown in the major livestock shows must be validated. Cost will be \$8.00 for major shows per head. Return the form below and total amount \$\$ by Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Make checks payable to Bexar 4-H Fund.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

No. Head x 8.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_                      No. Head x \$2.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CALF SCRAMBLE FORM - DUE FRIDAY, AUGUST 29th**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone#(home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Show(s) where you want to scramble:    \_\_\_ Ft. Worth    \_\_\_ San Antonio    \_\_\_ Houston    \_\_\_ Austin    \_\_\_ San Angelo