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OUR 4-H MOM

She gives her head for:
Recordbook formatting, proofing and judging.
Newsletter reading and project keeping.
Ideas for contests and club meetings.

She gives her heart for:
Community caring and club sharing, ribbon awarding and self esteem building.
Excitement building and tolerance making.

She gives her hands:
For chair stacking and recordbook sorting, clothing making and pizza cooking, sheep feeding and pig showing.
Tear wiping and gate holding.

She gives her health:
For better living of her children and family.

Our 4-H mom wears green and white. She provides a ride and stays in sight. She lends an ear and helps a lot. Our 4-H mom's deserve a lot. So on your day, take a break. You deserve a rest.

You bring to life what we try to teach. You are the living example of making the world a better place. As a 4-H family we are blessed to have you – head, heart, hands and health.



DATES HAVE BEEN SET



Vet Science Workshop 5/5
Horse Leaders Mtg. 5/19
County Project Show 5/17
Horticulture Show 5/24
County Recordbooks DUE 6/30
All County Awards DUE 6/30
County Gold Star Award DUE . 6/30
Gold Star Interviews 7/10
Scholarship Interviews 7/15
Club Officer Training 8/5

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

QUOTE THIS MONTH

Youth fades; love droops; the leaves of friendship fall. A Mother's secret hope outlives them all. ~ Oliver Wendell Homes

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 \$90 and is mailed to over 800 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

2008-2009 Council & Adult Officers Elected

Council Officers

President- Rebecca Campbell
1st Vice President - Jacob Ballard
2nd Vice President - Danielle Wilkins
Secretary - Savannah Keller
Treasurer- Andrew Tarpley
Reporter- Jared Pieniazek
Parliamentarian - Levi Hevner
1st Council Delegate - Nathan Brooks
2nd Council Delegate - Kaci DeCock
Health & Safety - Jackie Binder
Social - Katie Jagge
Community Service- Chris Barber

Adult Leader Officers

President - Frank DeCock
Vice President -Sandra Tondre
Secretary - Trish Ballard
Treasurer - Gary Barber

Welcome New 4-H Clubs

New clubs: Kids Are Teaching (KAT), Dover Connection, Shekinah Drama Club, Rosemont Palo Alto, Rosemont University Park, Dellview, Dorie Miller Achievers and Southton.

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 Tuesday, May 6. 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.

Club Manager Training

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

One Club Manager from each club is **required** to attend this training. If you do not attend, your club **will not** be chartered. 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. The Bexar Council 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.

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 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.

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.

Making Copies

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

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.

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
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, 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, leadership skills, explore careers, and strengthen your self-image. Sessions include: Outdoor Education, Technology, Leadership, Culinary Arts and more, Adult chaperones are needed to 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.

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 to attend. Activities include: swimming, canoeing, crafts, climbing and much more. **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.

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, fishing and much more. **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.

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 (ages 14-18)
June 8-14 (ages 9-14)
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
Cost: 325.00
Deadline: May 16

This program is for youth who enjoy the outdoors and 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://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu/camps/adventfishing.html> or give Pam a call.

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.

LEARN AND HAVE FUN TOO!!!!

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.

Logo Contest

The Bexar County Junior Livestock Show is having a logo contest. Winner will receive \$200. Logo designs are due to the show by Tuesday, July 15. For complete rules and entry form visit their website at www.bcjls.com.

Career Awareness & Youth Leadership Laboratory

Date: June 16-18
Place: Prairie View A&M University
Cost: \$100
Ages: 14-19
Deadline: June 1

Explore careers in Ag & Natural Resources, Communications, Entrepreneurship, Health Careers and more. Contact Patrice at 467-6575 for more information or for an application packet.

West Region 4-H Junior High Leadership Lab

Date: June 17-19
Place: Howard College, Big Spring
Cost: TBA

This lab is open to 4-H members going into the 6-8 grade this fall. There will be lots of fun activities. Registration is on 4-H Connect. For more information contact Pam.

H.S. Estelle 4-H Youth Camp

Date: July 7-11 or July 14-18
Place: Huntsville
Ages: 3rd grade - 17 years
Cost: \$100
Deadline: June 1

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

Texas State Dog Show

Date: July 11-12
Place: Triple Crown Dog Academy, Hutto
Due: TBA - Early June

Classes include Conformation, Showmanship, Obedience and more. For classes, schedule and registration information, visit the website at www.tx4hstatedogshow.com.

SCHOLARSHIPS

San Antonio Livestock Exposition Scholarships

Bexar County 4-H & Youth Development Program has been awarded **ten (10) \$15,000** scholarships from the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. Scholarships must be used for a major in Agriculture and Life Sciences that leads to a career in agriculture or agribusiness (see list on our website). To be eligible for this scholarship you must be a member of Bexar County 4-H, must attend a Texas college or university, must comply with the degree plan criteria and be in good standing with the Bexar County 4-H Program. Members who have already received \$10,000 or more in scholarships **WILL NOT** be eligible to apply for this scholarship. To apply for this scholarship, you must turn in a completed recordbook for the 2007-2008 year, a completed Scholarship Verification Form (available on our website), a SALE Scholarship Application Form (available on our website) a copy of your degree plan and SAT/ACT scores all due to our office by 5 p.m., Monday, June 30th. **NO LATE RECORDBOOKS OR FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The original and three (3) copies of your recordbook are required (original for our office and 3 copies for 3 judges). We do not need additional copies of the Scholarship Verification Form, SALE Scholarship Application Form, degree plan or the SAT/ACT scores. **Copies will NOT be made at our office.** Interviews will be conducted on Tuesday, July 15. Applicants will receive a letter with their assigned interview times after July 7th.

Bexar County Master Gardener Scholarship

This \$2,000 scholarship is for financial support to an undergraduate or graduate student at a Texas college or university who is pursuing a degree in Horticultural Sciences, Landscape Design or Turfgrass Management. For an application and more detailed information visit their website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/HomeHort/MasterGardener/Scholarship%20Information%20%20w%20Logo%20Rev%204-14-08.pdf> or contact Angel at 467-6575. Deadline is Monday, June 30 to our office.

More College Info and 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.

Words 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.**

AWARDS/RECOGNITION INFORMATION

County 4-H Awards Program

Date: Friday, August 8, 7:00 p.m.
Place: Helotes 4-H Activity Center

This will be an exciting night, all county awards and college scholarships will be presented. We also recognize all volunteers for their hard work and 4-H members for their accomplishments. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

We will be serving refreshments and would like to ask for a donation of a dozen cookies from each club. We will also need help in serving the refreshments.

Bronze, Silver and Gold Star Awards

These awards are for 4-H'ers 11-18 years old. If you are wanting to apply for these awards, please see your Awards & Recognition Handbook for qualifications. Every family should have a copy of the handbook, if not, visit our website. **Reminder: you must have three (3) copies of your recordbook if you are applying for these awards.** These awards are due to our office by Monday, June 30th.

I Dare You Award

This award is for ages 15-18. If you are wanting to apply for this award, please see your Awards & Recognition Handbook for qualifications. This award is due to our office by Monday, June 30th.

Club Scrapbooks

Put all your photos together and get that scrapbook done. Scrapbooks are due to our office by Monday, June 30th, 5 p.m. There will be cash awards for 1st - 3rd placings. Scrapbook guidelines were given to Club Managers in August. If you need a copy, give your Club Manager a call or visit our website. **NO LATE SCRAPBOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Awards and Recognition Handbook

It's time to start thinking about what criteria must be met to apply for 4-H awards. Every family should have the Awards and Recognition Handbook. If you need a copy, contact your Club Manager or visit our website to print a copy.

RECORDBOOK INFORMATION

Recordbook or Project Form Deadline

All recordbooks or project forms are due to our office Monday, June 30th by 5 p.m. **NO LATE RECORDBOOKS OR PROJECT FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Reminder, we have a night drop in the front door for your use. An 11"x13" envelope will fit through it.

When completing a Recordbook, a member receives a year pin and a project medal. When completing a Project Form, a member receives only a year pin.

Help Needed!

We need your help on **Tuesday, July 1** to sort recordbooks for judging. We will begin at 1 p.m. Please give Pam a call if you can help.

Recordbook To Do List

- ✓ Recordbook forms must be signed by a Club Manager or a Project Leader before they are turned in. **UNSIGNED forms in your recordbook will not be accepted.** Project forms require a leader's signature.
- ✓ A 3" x 5" information card must be completed and stapled to the outside center top front of each Recordbook cover. Project forms **do not** require the 3" x 5" card. Your Recordbook Leaders have some 3" x 5" information cards or you can get them from our office.
- ✓ 2008 4-H Member Recognition Application form must be clipped to the outside front cover of the recordbook or attached to the front of the project form. The 4-H Member Recognition Application form must be signed by your Club Manager or it **will NOT be accepted.** If you need a copy of the Member Recognition Application contact your Recordbook Leader or visit our website.
- ✓ A Recordbook Check Sheet should be clipped to the inside of the front cover of your Recordbook. Project forms **do not** require this sheet. Complete the top portion of the form. (Our District is 10). If you need a copy of this form contact your Recordbook Leader or visit our website.

County Recordbook Judging

Date: Wednesday, July, 9 County Extension office
Time: 9 a.m.

Judges are needed. If you have never judged this is a great opportunity to learn more about recordbooks. If you would like to help judge, please give Pam a call. A wonderful lunch will be provided for judges.

Recordbook Information

If you are needing information on beginning your recordbook, all Club Managers received a packet "Anything and Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About 4-H Recordbooks". You can contact your Club Manager for a copy of the packet.

Video - Two Recordbook trainings are available on video. Videos can be checked out from our office.

Recordbook/Project Form Guideline Booklets - These are very helpful and are available at our office or on our 4-H website.

Recordbook Tutorial - This tutorial takes you through all the steps to complete a recordbook in about 22 minutes. Tutorial website http://uvalde.tamu.edu/extension/4-H/Program_Resources/ProgramResources.htm.

The Texas 4-H 2007-2008 Clover Handbook

The Texas 4-H Clover Handbook informs all 4-H members about Project Categories and Recordbook Guidelines. The handbook is on our 4-H website.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Texas 4-H Food & Nutrition Ambassador

The ambassador will provide support to the county, district and state 4-H program in an effort to promote the food and nutrition project. Must be 14-18 years old. For more information and an application contact Annette. Deadline to apply is June 1.

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

HORSE NEWS

Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, May 19
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.

4-H Horse Leaders Scholarship

The Bexar County 4-H Horse Leaders will give two (2) scholarships (one \$500 and one \$250) to 2008 graduating seniors. To be eligible for this scholarship, you must be an active member of Bexar County 4-H, shown at the BCJLS and one Bexar County 4-H Open Qualifying Horse Show, submit an essay giving the background and extracurricular involving equine activities, official high school transcript, two (2) letters of recommendation and a 2008 completed recordbook. All application paperwork must be submitted by Monday, June 30 to the 4-H office. If you need more information, contact Sonija at 467-6575.

District Horse Show

Date: June 25-26
Place: Guadalupe County Fairgrounds
Deadline: On 4-H Connect May 1 - 20

You are eligible to enter this show if you participated at the Bexar County Horse Show or one of the Qualifying Horse Shows. For more information, schedule and an entry form, contact Annette.

District Horse Show Mandatory Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 18
Place: County Extension office S-208
Time: 7 p.m.

If you are participating in the District Horse Show on June 25-26, you must attend this meeting. The meeting will cover the rule changes for district and state horse contests.

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

Date: June 15-19
Place: Stepenville
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.

Bandera County 4-H Youth Buckle Series

Date: May 9, May 30, June 13 & June 27
Place: Mansfield Park Arena, Banders
Time: 5:30 p.m. Registration, Show 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact 508-9988.

Retama Equine Hospital Clinic

Date: May 10
Place: Retama Equestrian Center
Time: 4:30-6:30 p.m.

This free clinic is hosted by Dr. William Symm and Dr. Justin Bruening covering topics on lameness and equine dentistry. RSVP to Sonija by May 6 at 467-6575.

Texas A&M Horsemanship Clinic

Date: June 27-28
Place: Colorado County Fairgrounds Rodeo Arena
Time: 9 a.m - 5 p.m.
Deadline: June 22

For more information call Jeri at 979-732-8044 or email job42.15@juno.com.

Taylor County 4-H Open Horse Show

Date: Saturday, May 17
Place: Taylor County Expo Center-Horse Barn, Abilene
Time: 8 a.m. Registration, 9 a.m. Show

For a copy of the rules and entry form contact Annette.

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_newsletter.html. The January - April 2008 CEA Horse Newsletter is posted to the web with many workshop opportunities, check it out.

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

LIVESTOCK NEWS

Swine State Fair of Texas (Dallas) Validation Tags

The cost is \$8.00 per hog tag for the show. Deadline to send in the order form Wednesday, May 7. A validation order form is enclosed in this newsletter.

Steer Validation

Steer Validation dates have been set:
Tuesday, June 17, O'Conner High School, 9 - 11 a.m.
Friday, June 20, Boysville, 2 - 5 p.m.

If you purchased a steer tag mark your calendar to attend one of the validation dates.

Veterinary Science Workshop

Date: Monday, May 5 and June 2
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.

Visit the new Texas AgriLife 4-H Veterinary Science website at <http://aevm.tamu.edu>.

Turkey Poult Orders

If you are wanting to exhibit turkeys at the 2009 San Antonio, Houston, Star of Texas or Bexar County shows, orders are due to the 4-H office by Tuesday, July 1st. Watch for more information in the June newsletter.



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 visit www.texaspork.org/Youth.htm.

East Texas Beef Camp

Date: July 10-12
Place: Van Zandt County Fairgrounds, Canton
Cost: \$90 (meals, t-shirt, materials)

Topics include: Selection, safety, breeding, fitting, health and more. Deadline July 1. For more information and an entry form, contact Annette.

Market Poultry Production & Selection Workshop

Date: Saturday, May 31
Place: Texas A&M-Louis Pearce Pavilion
Cost: \$35

Topics: Feeding programs, selection, hands on activities and more. Application deadline is May 23. For an application, agenda and more information contact Annette.

West Texas Youth Veterinary Science Workshop

Date: June 29 - July 3
Place: Tom Green County 4-H Center, San Angelo
Cost: \$200
Deadline: June 6

This workshop is to expose youth (14-18 yrs) to careers in veterinary science. Topics: zoology, toxicology, anatomy, health management and more. For more information and application go to <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu> or contact Annette

Attention BCJLS Participants!

Checks were distributed to your Club Manager/4-H Directors at the April 15 Directors Meeting. The BCJLS Board encourages you to cash your checks in a timely manner. If you did not receive your check, please check with your Club Manager.

Happy Mothers Day

OUTDOOR FUN

Youth Range Workshop

Date: June 15-20
Place: Texas Tech University Junction Campus
Cost: \$260
Deadline: May 19

This workshop is for youth ages 14-18. Topics: Rangeland ecology, plant species & growth, natural resources management and much more. For an application and more information visit www.tssrm.org/youthrange.htm.

Texas Youth Shooting Sports Camp

Date: June 18-21
Place: 4-H Bentley Center, Monahans
Cost: \$125
Deadline: June 6

Participants will learn hands on firearm safety, hunter education training, archery and much more. For more information visit <http://ward-tx.tamu.edu>.

Bandera County 4-H Whiz Bang Qualifier

Date: Saturday, June 28
Time: 7:30 Registration, 9 am. Shooting Begins
Deadline: June 15

For more information, entry form and fees contact Woody at owenwoodard@yahoo.com.

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Fun Shoot

Date: Saturday, June 14
Place: Bexar Community Shooting Range
Deadline: June 1

This shoot will have trap, skeet and 5 stand. For more information on fees, times and registration visit www.bcjls.com.

Shooting Sports Camp

Date: June 11- 14
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
Cost: \$175 (lodging and materials)

This camp is for youth ages 9-14. Participants will have hands-on learning in archery, rifle, firearm safety and much more. For more information and application visit <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu>.



Date: July 14-17
Place: LCRA Facility, Lake Buchanan
Cost: \$100 (includes meals & materials)
Deadline: May 30

This camp is youth ages 13-19. Participants will learn sportfishing skills, fish biology, tours and much more. For more information and an application contact Annette.

Family Outdoor Adventure Field Day

Date: Saturday, May 17
Place: Prairie View A&M University Campus Farm
Deadline: May 10

Activities include: Outdoor cooking, kayaking, aquatic ecology, basic survival and more. For more information and application visit www.wild-wonderings.blogspot.com.

State Youth Water Camp

Date: July 13 - 17
Place: George & Opal Bentley 4-H Center, Monahans
Cost: \$150
Deadline: May 30

This camp is for youth ages 14-18. For more information and application visit <http://ward-co.tamu.edu>.

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 Istand) 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>.

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Curriculum and Videos

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

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

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.

State Roundup Community Service Project

In celebration of 100 years of 4-H in Texas, we're having a Birthday Party! A Birthday Party in a shoebox, which will be given to those less fortunate to have a festive and easy birthday party. Your birthday box can be as individual as you are, but it should be in a standard size show box that the top and bottom are wrapped separate. Suggestions of what could be put in your box is on our website. Birthday boxes are due to our office by June 4th.

CLOVERS TO

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District Consumer Decision Making Results

Intermediate Team - Avery Burkholder, Katalina Pruneda, Mikala Tondre and Savanna Keller - 2nd
Senior Team - Andrew Tarpley, Dillion Oatman, Katie Jagge and Rebecca Campbell - 5th

County Textile Show Results

Junior - Household - Shane Williams 1st, Katie Stahl 2nd
Junior - Jewelry - Mollie Kaarlsen 1st
Junior - Accessory - Mollie Kaarlsen 1st
Junior - Embellished - Kayla Charboneau 1st
Intermediate - Household - Mary Grace Cruser 1st, Laura Kelm 2nd, Katalina Pruneda 3rd
Intermediate - Jewelry - Tory Nolan 1st, Katalina Pruneda 2nd
Intermediate - Accessory - Tory Nolan 1st, Katalina Pruneda 2nd
Intermediate-Kitchen - Katalina Pruneda 1st, Mary Grace Cruser 2nd
Intermediate - Holiday Textile - Christi Schick 1st, Katalina Pruneda 2nd
Senior - Household - Shelby Williams 1st, Colleen Williams 2nd, Carol Sullivan 3rd
Senior - Accessory - Shelby Williams 1st

Best of Show - Mary Grace Cruser

County Fashion Show Results

Construction Division

Junior - Dresses/Jumpers - Brigid Cruser 1st, Honora Cruser 2nd
Junior - Specialty - Kourtney Kickhoefer 1st, Shane Williams 2nd
Intermediate - Dresses/Jumpers - Taylor Ohlenburger 1st, Mary Grace Cruser 2nd
Intermediate - Specialty - Tory Nolan 1st
Senior - Casual - Colleen Williams 1st
Senior - Dressy - Anna Kersch 1st
Senior - Formal - Hannah Ritchie 1st
Senior - Specialty - Shelby Williams 1st

Buying Division

Junior - Separates - Kayla Charboneau 1st
Junior - Dresses - Emily Stevens 1st
Intermediate - Dresses - Cassidy Jordan 1st, Lindsay Hamer 2nd
Intermediate - Ensembles - Laura Kelm 1st
Senior - Casual - Adina Boyd 1st
Senior - Dressy - Alexandra Hoskins 1st, Angela Stevens 2nd, Erica Brady 3rd
Senior - Formal - Chasady Toliver 1st

County Photography results enclosed

4-H CLUB NEWS

Haven 4-H - Leah Marvel

The April business meeting took place on April 1st, 2008 @. The president called the meeting to order and Adam Vorheis and Sarah Senger led the 4-H motto and the Pledge of Allegiance. The secretary read the minutes, and they were approved. The treasurer's report was given. The health and safety officer showed us a video about a new kind of fire alarm/smoke detector. Amy Senger gave a report about the field trip to the San Antonio Zoo, and Brittany Vorheis gave us a report about our most recent clothing and textiles meeting. Leah Marvel handed out our club's monthly newsletter and gave a prize to Sarah Senger for sending an article in for the monthly newsletter. For old business, community service projects were discussed. For new business, Jackie Binder asked members to sign up for Kid's Day in the Garden. Also, it was announced that next month, we would be holding our officer elections. Committees were formed to plan for our end of year party. Also, a new community service was discussed. Then announcements were made about upcoming dates and deadlines. For our program, Jackie Binder and Alexis Haight taught us how to make an informational poster.

St. Hedwig 4-H - Allison Moore

St Hedwig held its regular meeting on April 3, 2008. At the Houston Stock Show and Rodeo the St. Hedwig 4-H meats team placed 4th overall as a team. Many members from the St. Hedwig 4-H were chosen to be on the District Livestock Judging team. Our horticulture project meetings will start up again on Sundays. Pictures and pages are needed for the scrapbook. Record books are due to the county office by June 25th. Saturday April 12th is the Fashion and Textile Show. Spectra will be on July 28- August 1st, members ages 14-18 are eligible to attend. The end of the year party will be held on Friday, May 23rd at 6:30 p.m. where officer elections will be held.

Helotes 4-H - Casey Carpenter

Monday April 7th was our April meeting, which was very exciting. We had our officer elections for the 2008- 2009 year and at the end of our meeting the new officers were announced. We had our donations for this years' community service, "100 pennies for 100 years" and after all the donations a cone of the new 4-H centennial ice cream was rewarded. We then announced the plans for our last meeting or banquet in May, which will be sports themed.

Alamo Metro 4-H - Josh Hall

The Alamo Metro meeting for the month of March was called to order at 4:30pm on Friday, the 28th. Ben Hall led the U.S. Pledge and Victoria Campbell led the 4-H Pledge. We talked about making enchiladas on the 7th of April for the Ronald McDonald House and discussed the District Consumer Contest on March 29th. Rebecca Campbell did Adopt-a-Highway and reported that the Optimist Spaghetti Dinner is on April 26th. She also said that newsletters are going to be e-mailed starting at the end of the year. There is a Vet-Science Workshop on May the 5th. 4-H Congress is July 13th-16th, and Primetime is July 23rd-26th. The meeting was adjourned at 5pm.

Leon Springs 4-H - Samantha Gerlach

During our meeting we went over important dates coming up in the next couple of months. We held our elections for 2008-2009 officers. Results were announced and next year is going to be a great year.

Survey Results for Ice Cream Jacob Pursell - Team K

At our club's last business meeting, it was my family's turn to bring the snacks. We brought the 4-H ice cream. Each member completed a written survey and all of the members liked it. Two of the members' favorite part was the sprinkles; three liked the cake part; three liked just the ice cream; and three liked the chocolate. Additional comments were: "yummy", "scrumptious", "more cake would be nice", and "it was great".

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 FAIR OF TEXAS (DALLAS) SWINE VALIDATION-DUE WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Swine validation for State Fair of Texas (Dallas) will be in June. All swine 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 \$8.00 per head for tags. Return this form and total amount \$\$ by Wednesday, May 7. Make checks payable to Bexar 4-H Fund.

Name_____

Address_____ City_____ Zip_____

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