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## 12 WAYS TO BE A ROLE MODEL

Everything you say or do makes an impression on kids. What they don't see, they often sense. Your praise and criticism are amplified many times in the mind of a child. Praise works best in public; criticism in private.

The measure of character is how you act when you think no one's looking. You would be surprised at what kids know, hear about, and discover by accident. Behavior speaks louder and more persuasively than anything you can say. You never know when you'll touch the life of a child or where your influence will stop.

Setting rules is important too, because young people are especially vigilant for unfairness and hypocrisy. Too many adults are selfish and undisciplined because rules weren't enforced or didn't apply to them when they were young. When the game's on the line, remember that so is integrity. You can demonstrate integrity by admitting when you're wrong. Being accountable increases credibility and trust.

Remember no activity is value neutral. In all you do and teach, you have an opportunity to advance or undermine core ethical values. Consistency is important to teaching values. Kids aren't good at understanding the differences from one situation to another, so make few exceptions. But when you must, explain why. Be careful about what you say. Kids tend to treat any statement short of an absolute "no" as a promise.

If you're not sure how to handle a situation, ask yourself:

-What would I tell my child to do?

-What would I do if my child was looking over my shoulder?

-Do I want my character judged on this decision?

-How would I feel if my decision was reported on the 6 o'clock news?

-If everybody did it, would it be a good thing?

-What would my role model do?

-Source adapted from material from Cheryl Newberry

## QUOTE THIS MONTH

“The key to realizing a dream is to focus not on success but significance - and then even the small steps and little victories along your path will take on greater meaning.” Oprah Winfrey

## DATES HAVE BEEN SET



Vet Science Workshop . . . . . 2/4

4-H Scholarship Due . . . . . 2/6

Horse Leaders Mtg. . . . . 2/25

County Consumer Contest . . . . 2/29

County Recordbook Trg. . . . . 3/4

County Photography Contest . . 3/14

County Fashion Show . . . . . 4/12

County Project Show . . . . . 5/17

County Recordbooks DUE . . . . 6/30

**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***

### **We Have a New Name - Did You Notice Our New Logo**

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service is the new name of Texas Cooperative Extension, which provides Texans in all 254 counties with objective, research-based education programs and services in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H and youth development, family and consumer sciences, and community economic development. AgriLife Extension, established in 1915, provides Texans with continuing education programs and services. More than 900 professional educators team with some 90,000 volunteers to serve families, youth, communities and businesses throughout the state. Some 600,000 children annually participate in Extension's 4-H and youth development programs.

### **Chocolate Crisis**

Thanks to all who sold chocolate-good work. But more work is needed. We still have about 90 cases to sell. Come get yours at half price. Contact Pam to check out chocolate.

### **Rampage 4-H Night**

Hold April 4th for Rampage 4-H Night, more information will be in the next newsletter.

### **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 in April or the Project Show in May. 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.

### **Recordbook Training**

Mark your calendar for the next recordbook training on Tuesday, March 4, 7 p.m. at the County Extension office, S-208.

### **Project Forms**

Lots of activities are coming up that you could keep record on using your Project Record Form. Vet Science Workshop, Consumer Contest, Photography Contests and Community Service activities. Get started now by completing a project form for every activity you participate in. If you need a project form ask your club manager or download one from our website. Project Record forms are turned in to the office each year to receive your year pin.

## ***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.

## LEARN AND HAVE FUN TOO!!!!

### Children's Vegetable Garden Program

Date: Every Saturday, Feb. 9 - May 26  
Place: San Antonio Botanical Garden  
Time: 9 - 10:30 a.m.  
Fee: \$10

Come learn about planting, nurturing and harvesting an organic vegetable garden. Seeds, plants, tools, etc. will be provided. This program is for ages 8 - 13 years accepted on a first come-first serve basis. For registration information and form visit [www.sabot.org/?nd=vegetable](http://www.sabot.org/?nd=vegetable) or call Angel.

### County Photography Contest

Do you like to take pictures??? Then you should enter this year's County 4-H Photography contest. If you are thinking of entering the contest, this is the time to start taking pictures. Photos must have been taken by 4-H members between the dates of January 1, 2007 and March 14, 2008. Get with your Club Manager on the divisions that you can enter or visit our website for complete information on the photo contest. Photo's are due to our office by March 14. **(NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED)**. April and Stevelyn Johnson are the team leaders for this event. District Photography Contest is April 4, watch for more information in the next newsletter.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### 4-H Opportunity Scholarship

Approximately 200 scholarships ranging in amounts of \$500 to \$15,000 will be awarded to Texas 4-H members. Applications are available from our office, on our website or at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>, click on Youth. Scholarships (ORIGINAL AND TWO COPIES OF ALL FORMS) are due to our office by Wednesday, Feb. 6th, 5 p.m. If you are signed up to school tour, you are eligible to apply for a school tour scholarship, complete this same application and turn it in to our office by Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. **NOTE:** You **cannot** apply for a FFA and 4-H scholarship, you must decide which organization you will apply through. **NO LATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Start your application now! There is a new financial form that requires a process which takes 3-4 weeks to receive your completed financial form back. The financial form MUST be completed on line.**

### Courageous Heart 4-H Scholarship

This scholarship is for members who have overcome practically insurmountable obstacles to have successful 4-H careers and positively impact their community. Obstacles can include: disabilities, personal/family illness and/or learning challenges. Applications are available from our office or at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu> click on Youth.

### Collegiate 4-H Scholarship

Students currently enrolled in a Texas college or university and

have successfully completed a minimum of 30 semester hours of college course work are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Applications are available from our office or at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>.

### San Antonio Livestock Exposition Cooperative Extension Program Scholarship

SALE and Cooperative Extension Program (CEP) will award 2 four year scholarship for \$10,000 each. These scholarships will be awarded to outstanding minority students who are seeking a Bachelor of Science degree at Prairie View A&M University in any area related to agriculture and human sciences. For list of degrees and more information give Patrice a call.

### 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](http://www.rotarysa.org/normanvestal.cfm).

## 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 will be available in early February. Remember we have clothing curriculum, games and activities for your club to check out. If your club would like to check out a sewing machine, contact Annette.

If you don't know who your Clothing and Textiles leader is contact your Club Manager or give Annette a call. There will be staggered judging times. **NOTE: NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

### County Textile Show

Date: Saturday, 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 will be available in early February.

**NOTE: NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

### County Consumer Decision Making Contest

Date: Friday, Feb. 29  
Place: Helotes 4-H Activity Center  
Time: 5:30 Registration

What is it? The consumer project will help you learn how to choose the best of product of a better value no matter what you are buying. Study guides are available from our office, contact Annette. If you interested in entering this contest, you must register by filling out the enclosed registration form. This form is due to our office by Feb.15. 4-H Volunteer Team Leader, Sharla Harmon is in charge and Grace Guerra-Gonzales is the Extension Agent if you need additional information.

### District 10 Invitational Consumer Decision Making Contest

Date: Saturday, March 29  
Place: Texas State University - San Marcos  
Registration: Feb. 18-Mar 7. on 4-H Connect

This contest is open to all 4-H'ers across the state. Registration will be done on line on the 4-H Connect program. If you need more information, contact Annette.

### Fabric Available for Give Away

We have miscellaneous pieces of fabric available in our office if anyone would like to check it out for their Fashion Show, Textile Show project or for a community service project.

### Volunteer Voice

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

### Clothing Resources On-Line

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

## AWARDS/RECOGNITION

### Citation for Outstanding Service to 4-H

This award recognizes an individual or a business who has made an outstanding contribution to Texas 4-H programs ON A REGIONAL OR STATE BASIS. AWARDS ARE GENERALLY MADE BASED ON A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT RATHER THAN A ONE-TIME PROGRAM.

### Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence Award

This award will recognize outstanding 4-H volunteers for their service to 4-H Programs and the impact they had on the lives of young people.

### Texas 4-H Alumni Award

This award will recognize adults who have made significant achievements IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. Consideration is given to individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding record of achievements AS A 4-H MEMBER and who have shown evidence of 4-H's influence on their adult lives. Continued service to 4-H in adulthood is very important.

## Leader's Legacy Award

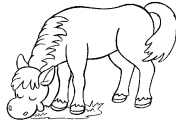
This award will recognize 4-H leaders who have been an integral part of the 4-H and Youth Program for 20 years or more. The person who is nominated for this award may or may not be the person who is always in the spotlight, but is the one who makes an impact and a difference on the 4-H members with whom they work.

**WE HAVE A LOT OF VOLUNTEERS AND BUSINESSES THAT DESERVE THESE AWARDS, LETS NOMINATE THEM AND SHOW ALL OF TEXAS, BEXAR COUNTY 4-H HAS THE BEST.** Application deadline is Thursday, Feb. 14, to our office. Contact Pam or visit our website for a nomination form.

## HORSE NEWS

### Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, Feb. 25  
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.

### Horse Judging Contests

The qualifying contests for district are:  
Heart of Texas - Oct. 6      Johnson County - Jan 19  
Ft. Bend - Dec. 8      Montgomery County - Jan 13  
Ft. Worth - TBA

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

### 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 (**DATE CHANGE**)  
3) April 26, 2008 - Posse Arena (**DATE CHANGE**)  
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.

### Horse Information

If you would like to know what is going on with the Horse Program visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/equine.htm> then click on CEA Horse Newsletter or go to [http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/academics/equine/cea\\_newsletter.html](http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/academics/equine/cea_newsletter.html). The January - April 2008 CEA Horse Newsletter was just posted to the web with many workshop opportunities, check it out.

## LIVESTOCK NEWS

### Major Show Eligibility Forms

Major stock show (Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo, Star of Texas) eligibility forms have been mailed. If you signed up to exhibit at any of these stock shows and **HAVE NOT** received your blue eligibility form, please contact Annette ASAP.

San Angelo-Feb. 8      Houston-Feb. 15  
Star of Texas-Feb. 15

### Veterinary Science Workshop

Date: Monday, Feb. 4, Mar. 3, 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.

### Livestock Judging Team Qualifications

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

Guadalupe County-Oct. 6      Aggie Fest-Nov 3  
Bexar County-Jan. 4      Nueces County-Jan.  
S.A.L.E.-Feb. 17      Houston-Mar. 16  
Victoria-Mar. TBA

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

### Stock Show Passes

San Antonio and Houston show passes are available for pick up. You must sign for your passes. If you have any questions, contact Annette.

## Attention BCJLS Participants

Thank you letters should be sent to buyers to let them know how much you appreciate their support. To receive your Bexar County check, it is your responsibility to write a thank you note to your buyers. Your Club Manager has a list of buyers, contact them for your buyers addresses. You must give a copy of your thank you to your Club Manager. Do this as soon as possible. Deadline to get this done is March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you don't write a thank you to your buyer, you **will not** receive your check.

### 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.

## Stock Show Dates and Websites

**San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo - Jan. 31-Feb. 17, 2008**  
[www.sarodeo.com](http://www.sarodeo.com)

**San Angelo Stock Show - February 21 Mar. -2, 2008**  
[www.sanangelorodeo.com](http://www.sanangelorodeo.com)

**Houston Stock Show & Rodeo - Mar. 3 - Mar 22, 2008**  
[www.rodeohouston.com](http://www.rodeohouston.com)

**Star of Texas Stock Show & Rodeo - Feb. 29 -Mar, 15, 2008**  
[www.staroftexas.org](http://www.staroftexas.org)

Please mark these dates on your calendar.

### No Pass, No Play for Stock Shows

Reminder, No Pass, No Show....If you are academically ineligible to exhibit, your livestock projects are ineligible as well.

### 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.

## OUTDOOR FUN

### 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.

### Master Naturalist Classes Starting

Learn about our native plants and animals and much more. Classes will be held on Thursdays, 5 - 8 p.m. starting Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. Field trips will be conducted Saturday mornings. Call Nelson to get more information and an application. Deadline to apply is Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.

### 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>.

## ETC, ETC....

### Blue Bell Ice Cream and 4-H

Blue Bell Ice Cream has come out with a new flavor. Look for the new "Centennial 4-H Cupcake" with 4-H clovers sprinkled throughout the ice cream. Royalties on each carton will be earmarked for Texas 4-H.

### 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/>.

### Bexar County 4-H T-Shirts

We have Bexar County 4-H t-shirts available in our office. Sizes

vary from medium to x-large and are in a limited amount. T-shirts cost \$8.75 each. Wear your 4-H t-shirt every time you go to an event and promote 4-H.

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).



## Curriculum and Videos

### CLOVERS TO

Many thanks to the Southside 4-H Club (Stephanie & Marissa Pena, Tori Carroll and Caitlyn Cantu for helping to fold the January newsletter.

#### District Roundup Results-Correction:

Consumer Life Skills:  
Senior-Andrew Tarpley - 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Results

Matthew Lutz-Grand Champion Market Swine  
Amy Beth Moran-Grand Champion Market Goat  
Courtney Kellner-Grand Champion Broilers  
Avery Burkholder-Reserve Champion Turkey  
Danielle Wilkins-Breed Champion Market Sheep  
Jake Marler-Breed Champion Market Swine  
Brook Armentrout-Breed Champion Market Swine  
Savanna Keller-Breed Champion Market Swine  
Wesley Fleming-Reserve Breed Champion Market Steer  
Garrett Bradley-Reserve Breed Champion Market Sheep  
Ariel Seitzer-Grand Champion Breeding Boer Doe  
Ariel Seitzer-Reserve Champion Breeding Boer Doe  
Ariel Seitzer-Junior Showmanship Goat



**Happy  
Valentines Day!**

**Hug Someone You Love!**

### 4-H CLUB NEWS

Helotes 4-H Only - Christal Walz

Ethan Walz, Reporter: We started the meeting by congratulating those that placed at BCJLS and passed out Buyer Thank You lists. Questions were taken and addressed regarding the upcoming Walter Gerlach Live Stock Show and schedules were available if needed. Everyone was reminded that we are invited guests at the Gerlach show and volunteers were needed for set up on Saturday the 19th and clean up after the show on the 27th. Our Booster club reminded those present that we still have tickets available for the Poker tournament and raffle.

East Central 4-H - Michelle Bailey

Our monthly meeting was held on January 7 at Mesquite Hall. Members announced their recent winnings from the Bexar County Show and then the treasurer's report was given. We discussed that anyone who sold at the Bexar County Auction would need to write thank you letters as soon as possible. Sign up sheets were available for the wagon parade and youth day on February 2. Bakingforms for S.A.L.E. were also available. Some dates we discussed was the newsletter folding on January 25 and the rabies clinic on March 29. NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 4, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

St. Hedwig 4-H -

St. Hedwig held its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Bexar County Show and Livestock Judging results were announced. Livestock and meats judging eligibility forms were talked about. Nueces County Livestock Judging contest was on January 18<sup>th</sup> with registration starting at 5:30 p.m. Horticulture meetings will start up again after the showing season is over. SALE Youth Day is on February 2<sup>nd</sup> where our 4-H members are participating in photography and baking contests and also the Wagons and Wheelbarrow parade. The St. Hedwig 4-H also held their rabies clinic on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Our next meeting will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be no meeting in February due to the San Antonio Stock Show.

Leon Springs 4-H - Samantha Gerlach

We had our annual Christmas party and played the greedy game. We sent over important days during the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show and the Gerlach Livestock Show and sale.

Southside 4-H - Whitney Culp

We talked about who showed their animal. Also about new business and old business and our treasurer report.

