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#### 4-H Motto

“To Make the Best Better”

#### 4-H Emblem:

The 4-H emblem is the four-leaf clover with the letter “H” on each leaf, standing for head, heart, hands and health.

#### 4-H Colors:

The 4-H colors are green and white. Green symbolizes nature’s most common color and represents life, springtime, and youth. White symbolizes purity.

#### 4-H Pledge:

“I Pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,  
my **HEART** to great loyalty,  
my **HANDS** to larger service,  
and my **HEALTH** to better living for my club, my community, my country  
and my world”.

#### 4-H Prayer:

“Help me, O Lord, to live so that the world may be a little better because  
Thou didst’t make me. Amen”.

#### 4-H Creed:

I believe in 4-H the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.  
I believe in the training of my **Head** for the power it will give me to think,  
to plan and to reason.

I believe in the training of my **Heart** for the nobleness it will give me to  
become kind, sympathetic and true.

I believe in the training of my **Hands** for the dignity it will give me to  
become useful, helpful, and skillful.

I believe in the training of my **Health** for the strength it will give me to  
enjoy life, resist disease, and make for efficiency.

I believe in my country, my state, and my community and in my  
responsibility for their development. In all these things I believe, and I am  
willing to dedicate my service to their fulfillment.

### QUOTE THIS MONTH

**W**e make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give. Sir  
Winston Churchill

#### DATES HAVE BEEN SET



Vet Science Workshop . . . . .	1/7
Vegetable Workshop . . . . .	1/12
Clothing Workshop . . . . .	1/12
Council/Adult Leaders Mtg. . .	1/17
School Tour Trg. . . . .	1/15 or 1/22
4-H Scholarship Due . . . . .	2/6
Horse Leaders Mtg. . . . .	2/25
County Recordbook Trg. . . . .	3/4
County Photography Contest . .	3/14

**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.

## ***HERE'S THE LATEST***

### **Interim 4-H Coordinator Appointed**

Connie Sheppard, FCS Agent in the Bexar County office has been appointed Interim 4-H Coordinator until a permanent 4-H Agent can be hired. If you have any questions or need any help on 4-H activities, please contact her at 210/467-6575 or email at [c-sheppard@tamu.edu](mailto:c-sheppard@tamu.edu).

### **Council/Adult Leaders Meeting**

Date: Thursday, January 17  
Place: County Extension Office, S-208  
Time: 7 p.m.

The meeting will start promptly at 7:00 p.m...due to a full agenda. All Club Delegates should attend this important meeting to vote on the 2008 budget, a copy is enclosed for your review in this newsletter. Every club should have two (2) delegates, if your club has only one (1) delegate, the other delegate position defaults to the President of your club. If neither of these positions can attend the council meeting to vote, a substitute can vote with a written note from the elected club delegate. The community service for the Council meetings are "100 Pennies for 100 Years". Club delegates should collect pennies from your club members and bring them to the January meeting. All adults leaders and/or parents are invited to attend the Adult Leaders meeting. The future meeting date is April 17.

### **National 4-H Conference**

Date: March 29 - April 3  
Place: National 4-H Center, Maryland  
Cost: \$1,250  
Due: January 11 on 4-H Connect

This conference for youth 15 and older. Youth and adults come together to assist in the development of 4-H nationally and in their communities. If you are interested in attending contact Pam for more information.

### **Project Forms**

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

### **4-H Materials**

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

- ☉ Newcomer's Handbook -on the 4-H website
- ✍ Awards and Recognition Handbook -on the 4-H website
- 📖 Recordbook Information -on the 4-H website

One Club Manager from each club was given a CD with the above materials. Please contact your Club Manager for a copy of the CD. Our website also has all these materials.

## **Good Luck to all our Bexar County 4-H'ers exhibiting at the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show.**

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

### **Office Assistants Job Responsibilities**

If you need information on 4-H Livestock, Food Show, Fashion Show, Consumer Decision Making and Nutrition Quiz Bowl, please contact Annette. If you need information on any other 4-H event, enrollment, newsletter, etc. contact Pam.

### **Office Procedures**

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

### Night Drop Slot

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

### 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.

Second, an eligibility form is required by the state of Texas "no pass, no play" rule for competitive events, is another issue. On several events, we ask that all forms be turned in at the same time so that we can have time to review them before the event....**but** we also understand that since we have so many different grading periods in schools and districts, that some eligibility forms do not get signed by the due date. We will work with you and your school, so if you are having trouble getting eligibility forms to us, please call to let us know and we will work with you.

You would not be able to participate if we do not receive the eligibility form before the event. We hope this helps. If you have any further questions about this, please let us know.

## LEARN AND HAVE FUN TOO!!!!

### Vegetable Workshop

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

Learn more about vegetables than you ever wanted to know. Topics are: What vegetables to grow when?, How to get your vegetables ready for the Vegetable Show and What the judges look for and more. Mark your calendar to attend this fun workshop and maybe win a door prize.

### School Tours

If you signed up to be a School Tour Guide at the 2008 San Antonio Stock Show in February and have **never** been a tour guide through 4-H before, you must attend a School Tour Training and be academically eligible. There are two training dates to choose from January 15 or 22, 7 p.m. at the 4-H Office, S-208. Mark your calendar to attend one.

### 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).**

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

## 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**) are due to our office by Wednesday, February 6th, 5 p.m. We will complete verification of materials and sign the forms before mailing them to A&M. **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 4-H members who have overcome practically insurmountable obstacles to have successful 4-H careers and to 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

will have successfully completed a minimum of 30 semester hours of college course work will be eligible to apply for this scholarship. Applications are available from our office or on <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.

### Extension Educators Association Book Scholarship

The Extension Educators Association is offering a \$300 scholarship. The application is a recordbook. Criteria: be in 3<sup>rd</sup> year of 4-H, leadership and personal development through 4-H, have not received a EEA scholarship. For more information contact Connie Sheppard. Due to our office by Feb. 1.

### Preparing Youth for the Future: Scholarships

Date: Saturday, January 5  
Place: Hays County Extension office - San Marcos  
Time: 1 - 2:30 p.m.  
RSVP: January 3 to 512/393-2120

Topics include: Where to look for scholarships, Tips for improving applications and more.

## FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

### Clothing Workshop

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

### County Consumer Decision Making Contest

Date: Feb. 29 or Mar. 1 (Final date TBA)  
Place: TBA  
Time: TBA

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.

### 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 [efdodd@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:efdodd@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.

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

## FUN AT THE SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW

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

Enter your favorite pie, cake, cookies, candies and bread in this contest. Entry fee is \$3 per class. Entry form and information has been sent to your Club Manager. Deadline to the stock show is January 11. **Do not** mail entry forms to our office.

Youth Country Fair - Baking Contest - February 2

Texas Experience Tent @ the Rodeo...We Need Volunteers!!  
4-H has been invited to have a 4-H booth in the Texas Experience Tent. Last year our exhibit was seen by over 100,000 people. Those of you who manned the booth last year raved about the fun you had. Sign up shifts are available now, call Pam to reserve your shift. Shifts are Monday - Friday morning is optional, evening 4 - 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. or 1- 5 p.m. or 5 - 9 p.m. (Sat.) 5-8 p.m. (Sun.).

#### Fashion Show - February 2

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

#### School Tours

We received confirmation from SALE on tour dates (Feb. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 12). Mark your calendar to attend the School Tour Guide training on either Jan. 15 or Jan. 22.

## HORSE NEWS

### Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: No January meeting, next meeting is 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.

### 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.

### Jackpot Playdays

Date: Jan. 12  
Place: Bexar County Sheriff's Mounted Posse Arena  
Time: books open 9 a.m. show 11 a.m.

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

### 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.

### Horse Information

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

## LIVESTOCK NEWS

### Walter Gerlach and Major Show Eligibility Forms

Walter Gerlach and 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.

Ft. Worth-Jan. 7	Walter Gerlach-Jan. 11
San Antonio-Jan. 22	San Angelo-Feb. 8
Houston-Feb. 15	Star of Texas-Feb. 15

### Veterinary Science Workshop

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

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

## Livestock Judging Team Qualifications

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

Guadalupe County-Oct. 6

Aggie Fest-Nov 3

Bexar County-Jan. 4

Due: Jan. 4

Nueces County-Jan. TBA

S.A.L.E.-Feb. TBA

Houston-Mar. TBA

Victoria-Mar. TBA

Due: Feb. TBA

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

## Stock Show Dates and Websites

**Bexar County Junior Livestock Show - Jan. 1-5, 2008**

[www.bcjls.com](http://www.bcjls.com)

**Ft. Worth Stock Show & Rodeo - Jan. 11 - Feb. 3, 2008**

[www.fwssr.com](http://www.fwssr.com)

**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.

## Montgomery County Dog Show

Date: Saturday, Feb. 2

Place: Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Conroe

DUE: Jan. 2

For more information contact Annette.

## 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.

**School eligibility forms (blue) to be excused from school to participate in stock shows have been mailed. Don't forget to take the form to your school and have it signed. Please do not wait until the last minute.**

## OUTDOOR FUN

### 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://shooting sports.tamu.edu>.

## ETC, ETC....

### Blue Bell Ice Cream and 4-H

Blue Bell Ice Cream will be coming out with a new flavor in January 2008. 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.

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/>.

### Resources for Club Planning

## Beekeeping Essay Contest

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

## 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.

# COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

## 100 Pennies for 100 Years

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program is celebrating our 4-H 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary which began on September 1, 2007. Bexar County 4-H Council officers selected this project as our community service opportunity. You can bring your pennies to any event 4-H has scheduled.

## Let's Say Thanks

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

# CLOVERS TO

Many thanks to Mary Stiegel, Hall 4-H Family, Stevens 4-H Family, Pursell 4-H Family and Walker 4-H Family for helping with shredding, filing, folding and more at the 4-H office.

Thank you everyone who participated in the Salvation Army Christmas Stocking community service project. Many thanks to Kim DeCock for delivering the stockings to the Salvation Army.

### District Food Show results:

#### Breads & Cereals

Senior - Chris Barber - 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Nutritious Snacks

Intermediate - Christi Schick - 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Main Dish

Senior - Rebecca Campbell - 1<sup>st</sup>

Intermediate - Jordan Hevner - 4<sup>th</sup>

### District Roundup Results:

#### Beef:

Intermediate - Jordan Hevner - 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Companion Animal:

Intermediate - Leah Marvel - 1<sup>st</sup>, Caleb Craig - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Emily Garcia - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Senior - Jackie Binder - 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Family Life:

Senior - Colleen Williams & Shelby Williams - 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Food & Nutrition:

Junior - Johanna Pieniazek & Shaina Franckowiak - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jamie Carpenter - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Senior - Chris Barber - 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Health:

Junior - Brookell Schott - 1<sup>st</sup>

Senior - Bryan Garza - 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Horse:

Junior - Hannah Pote - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Intermediate - Marygrace Crusier - 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Horse Quiz Bowl:

Intermediate - Sierra Groomer, Christina Paul, Jackie Flier & Anna Paul - 1<sup>st</sup>, Caroline Klier, David Klier & Katie Paul - 4<sup>th</sup>

Senior - Karissa Milu, Kathryn Hodges, Kristen Leisman & Sarah Sell - 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Horticulture:

Junior - Braden Tondre - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Intermediate - Brent Morales - 1<sup>st</sup>, Mikala Tondre - 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Meat Science:

Senior - Jared Pieniazek & Levi Hevner - 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Natural Resources:

Intermediate - Amy Beth Moran - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Senior - Lucas Duncan - 3<sup>rd</sup>, Krystyna Padilla - 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Open:

Junior - Bridget Crusier - 1<sup>st</sup>, Madison DeWinne - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Intermediate - Abigail Staggemeier - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Senior - Andrew Lovins - 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Promote 4-H:

Senior - Casey Carpenter - 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Safety & Injury Prevention:

Junior - Holly Adams - 1<sup>st</sup>

Intermediate - Jacob Pursell - 1<sup>st</sup>

Senior - Matthew Crenweldge - 1<sup>st</sup>, Justin Adams - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jacob Ballard - 3<sup>rd</sup>, Michaelangelo Lovins - 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Sheep and/or Goats:

Junior-Jenna Hunt - 1<sup>st</sup>

Share the Fun - Poetry:

Junior-Erin Butts - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Intermediate-Bethany Walker - 1<sup>st</sup>

Share the Fun - Vocal:

Junior-Rachel Walker-1st

Senior-Micah Walker - 1<sup>st</sup>, MacKenzie Fletcher - 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lauren

Haygood - 4<sup>th</sup>

Share the Fun - Musical:

Junior-Benjamin Hall - 1<sup>st</sup>

Intermediate-Joshua Hall - 1<sup>st</sup>, Camille DeWinne - 2<sup>nd</sup>

## 4-H CLUB NEWS

Alamo Metro 4-H - Josh Hall

At 4:45pm on November 16, Rebecca Campbell called the Alamo Metro Club meeting to order. Rebecca said the invocation, Victoria Campbell led the U.S. pledge and Fred Lohrman said the 4-H pledge and motto. Josh Coker gave the Treasurer's report and Ben Hall gave the Pennies for Progress report. Katie Hopkins reported on Community Service at Sunshine Cottage and Rebecca told us about the Food Show and Round Up. Mrs. Hall commented on how well our chocolate fundraiser went. Fred Lohrman said that he would lead a computer project after Christmas. We also chose a committee to organize our Christmas party. Afterwards, we handed out Salvation Army stockings. Our closing announcements were: the Youth Day Baking Contest and the Stage Design Contest. The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.

St. Hedwig 4-H - Allison Moore

The regular monthly meeting of the St Hedwig 4-H club was held on December 6, 2007. Toys were turned in for the Christmas community service project. Upcoming dates for Karnes County and Bexar County Livestock Judging contests were announced. A practice for anyone who was interested in Livestock Judging is going to be held on the morning of the East Central FFA Chapter Show at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 29, 2007. The club rabies clinic will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 p.m. at the American Legion Hall with the veterinarian Dr. Kosub from County Line Animal Hospital. The motion was made and passed to participate in the Wagons and Wheelbarrows parade at the Youth Day during the San Antonio Livestock Show. After the meeting a Christmas potluck dinner was served with delicious tamales. The next meeting will be held on January 10, 2008 at the American Legion Hall in St. Hedwig, Texas.

Helotes Plus 4-H -

Helotes Livestock 4-H Plus was off to a great start this year with 100 plus members. We have had great participation in community service from a Thank you Helotes carwash in September to annual Lack Christmas tree and food donations. Our programs have taught us strong team building skills too. To end the first half of the year we had our Christmas Party on Dec. 3 to get us ready for the stock show season.

East Central 4-H - Michelle Berry

Our monthly meeting was held on December 3 at Mesquite Hall. Members announced their recent winnings and candy sale winners received their prizes. Some of the old business that was discussed was that the building fund raffle tickets are due by December 15 and members that are showing animals need to write letters to potential buyers. The setting up for the Bexar County Show will be on December 15 at 8:00 a.m. Also, food will not be allowed at the show. Some other important dates we discussed are the S.A.L.E. Youth Day on February 2 and the rabbit showmanship clinic on December 21 at 6:30 p.m. After the meeting we had our potluck dinner. NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Texas Outlaws 4-H - Manuel Leon

3 team leaders, 10 members and 3 guests attended at this month's meeting. After a competitive barrel racing competition at Gonzales, Alyssa Flores, with an amazing run, finished off in 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of 120 contestants.

Texas Outlaws 4-H - Manuel Leon

10 members and 4 guests attended this month's meeting. Leon Ramirez took points on speed events on a playday. Stacy Ramirez took second overall in poles. Vicky Pescina took first on barrels and stakes race.

Haven 4-H - Leah Marvel

What we did: The December Haven 4-H business meeting took place on December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm at the ENP office. The president called the meeting to order and two officers led the 4-H motto and the Pledge of Allegiance. The health and safety officer lead a game about healthy snacks. The Reporter handed out the Haven 4-H monthly newsletter. We discussed the ongoing projects; public speaking, food and nutrition, and vet science. Pennies were collected for the 100 pennies for 100 years. Information was provided on the Salvation Army Stockings. For new business, we planned our Youth Day booth. A leadership lesson about meeting etiquette took place. We then held our Christmas party including, potluck dinner, cookie decorating and ornament exchange. Happy Holidays to all!

