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Father's Day Poem - Mine

My dad might not save lives like a doctor or a fire fighter but he is still my hero. He might not be the greatest dad in the world but he is in mine.

I love my dad very much not just because he is my dad but because he gave me my life. And I know that he would give his for mine any day.

We have a special relationship beyond father and child. I know that he might think that I don't like him at some point or another. But the truth is that I do and even though I don't show it, I still do.

I am my dad's little child and will always be. No matter what I say or do I would always want to be.

I know that the years are going by so fast and it's hard for him to let me go. But, dad you need to see that I am all grown up now.

It is time for me to face the world by myself, to fall on my knees and get back up. It might be hard for you to see me cry but remember that I will be okay because you made me who I am.

You thought me to never give up, to fight for what I want, to stand up for what I believe and most important for me to be me. So please dad don't worry I will be fine.

I know that you are right by my side and that you will be there to catch my fall. But, you need to let me fall, let me make my mistakes and learn from them.

Don't get me wrong I don't want you out of my life; I would never want that. I love you dad and I am thankful that you are my DAD. **By Perla V. Herrera**

QUOTE THIS MONTH

By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who things he's wrong. - Charles Wadsworth

DATES HAVE BEEN SET



Texas Roundup 6/8-12

Recordbooks & Awards DUE 6/15

District Horse Show. . . . 6/16 & 17

Steer Validation 6/18&19

County Recordbook Judging . 6/19

Horse Leaders Mtg. 6/29

Leader Summit 7/27

Awards Program 8/14

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

Newsletter Information

When we compile the newsletter articles, we have room for only the basic information. There is no way we could put all the detailed information on each article or the newsletter would be 20 pages long. We want to make the newsletter as informative as possible, but not too lengthy. If you need more information or have any questions on any article, please give our office a call.

HERE'S THE LATEST

Updates & Reminders

Every Friday we send Club Managers an email. The email includes reminders about due dates, information that was received after the newsletter was posted and much more. We are now posting these Updates & Reminders on the 4-H web page at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/index.htm>. Now, you can also keep updated by visiting this page.

Club Manager Training(s)

Date(s): Monday, August 10, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, August 11 6:30 p.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 for the 2009-2010 4-H year. Everything you will need to run your club will be handed out at this meeting. Enrollment process will be conducted on line via 4-H Connect for the new upcoming year. The Bexar County 4-H Council provides every club with a file box to help organize their materials. Bring it and we will help you update it. New Club Managers will be given a file box for their materials.

Club Officer Training

Date: Thursday, August 13, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Place: Helotes Activity Center

If you are a new Club Officer you should attend this training. This training will prepare you to take on those duties as club leaders. If you can't attend this meeting, you will need to schedule a time with the 4-H agent for a personal training at our office.

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.

Leader Summit

Date: Monday, July 27

Place: County Extension office - S-208

Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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

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

RSVP for refreshments by July 22.

Night Drop Slot

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

Making Copies

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

Club Managers receive updates once a week on all 4-H happening. Contact your Club Manager for updated information. You can also read the Updates & Reminders on our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/index.htm>.

CAMPS, CAMPS AND MORE CAMPS

SpecTra '09

Date: July 27- 31
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
Cost: \$300.00

Spectra is for youth (age 14-18) to enhance project knowledge, expand leadership skills, explore careers, and strengthen your self-image. Sessions include: Outdoor Education, Technology, Leadership, Culinary Arts and more, Adult chaperones are needed and will receive a discount if they attend. Applications are taken on a first come, first serve basis until the camp is filled. **Registration will be on line via 4-H Connect** at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/4-H%20Connect/index.htm> click on 4-H Connect. For more information on other camps visit our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Camps/index.htm>.

Wildlife Gardener Mini Camp

Date: July 10-11
Place: Texas 4-H Conference Center, Brownwood
Cost: \$70 youth/ \$50 adult (lodging & meals)

Identify wildlife and plant life, construct a wildlife garden and much more. For more information about this camp visit <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu>.

Prime Time '09

Session 1 - July 19-22 (age 12-13)
Session 2 - July 22-25 (age 9-11)
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
Cost: \$185.00

Prime Time will focus on opportunities to meet new friends, develop new skills, and learn how to work with others, and much more. Adult chaperones are needed and will receive a discount if they attend. Activities include: swimming, canoeing, crafts, climbing and much more. Applications are taken on a first come, first serve basis. **Registration will be on line via 4-H Connect** on a first come-first serve basis at <http://texas.4honline.com/Login.aspx?434850372944385D5E0F390D> by July 5. For more information on other camps visit <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu> click on Camps and Programs or visit our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Camps/index.htm> or give Pam a call.

Mission Possible

Date: July 1 - 3
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
Cost: \$125.00

This camp is for youth who are physically or learning disabled, or developmentally delayed ages 9 - 18 years. Activities include: swimming, canoeing, archery, crafts, fishing and much more. Applications are taken on a first come, first serve basis. For more information on this camp visit <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu> click on Camps and Programs or visit our website <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Camps/index.htm> or give Pam a call.

Junior Leader Rally

Date: Thursday, July 9 - 9 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Place: Helotes Activity Center
Cost: \$15 includes lunch, supplies and swimming
Ages: 9 - 13 (4-H Age)

Have fun, make friends. Educational program in the morning and swimming in the afternoon. Registration is on line via 4 - H C o n n e c t at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/4-H%20Connect/index.htm> by July 1st.

Jr. High Leadership Lab (Going Green—Using Your Head)

Date: June 24 - 26
Place: Howard College, Big Spring
Cost: \$90
Deadline: June 6

Members going into 6-8 grades in September 2009 are eligible to attend. Topics include Leadership, Rainwater Simulator, Robotics and much more. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis on line via 4-H Connect. For more information contact Dena at 527-2593.

AgriLife Extension Summer Camp

Date: Wednesday & Fridays - July 15 - August 14
Place: AgriLife Extension Office S-208
3355 Cherry Ridge Dr.
Time: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Cost: \$50 Weekly or \$200 Full Camp

This camp is open to ages 7 - 11. Camp counselors are needed ages 12 and up. Each week will be a different topic to include: Entomology, Horticulture, Ag. Literacy and more. Space is limited, please RSVP to Aurelia by July 8th. Camp fee is due the first day of attendance. For more information contact Molly or Brady at 210/467-6575.

SCHOLARSHIPS

UPDATE!!! GREAT NEWS - WE ARE RECEIVING TWELVE (12) \$16,000 Scholarships

Bexar County 4-H & Youth Development Program has been awarded **twelve (12) \$16,000** 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 2008-2009 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 15th. **NO LATE RECORDBOOKS AND REQUIRED SCHOLARSHIP 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 Wednesday, July 1st. Applicants will receive a letter with their assigned interview times after June 19th. Best advice, turn it in the day before and beat the rush! Don't forget, we have a night drop in the front door. Put recordbook, copies and forms in a big envelope. Put your name on the envelope, seal it and put it through the slot. You are welcome to call the next day to confirm we received it.

San Antonio Livestock Exposition Cooperative Extension Program Scholarship

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

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 Turf Grass Management. For an application and more detailed information visit our office website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/HomeHort/MasterGardener/BCMGIndex.htm> or contact Angel at 467-6575. Deadline is Tuesday, June 30 to our office.

Peggy Coleman 4-H Horse Leaders Scholarship

The Bexar County 4-H Horse Leaders will give two (2) scholarships (one \$500 and one \$250) to 2009 graduating seniors. To be eligible for this scholarship, you must be an active member of Bexar County 4-H, shown at the BCJLS Horse Show 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 2008-2009 completed recordbook. All application paperwork must be submitted by Monday, June 15 to the 4-H office. If you need more information, contact Valerie at 467-6575.

More Scholarship Opportunities

Visit the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation at <http://www.everychanceeverytexan.org/about/scholars/> or call them at 210/525-8494. Also, visit <http://www.fastweb.com>.

Preparing for College

Here is everything Texans need to know about preparing for college visit www.collegefortexans.com/default2.cfm.

Happy Fathers Day

AWARDS/RECOGNITION INFORMATION

County 4-H Awards Program

Date: Friday, August 14, 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 at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Awards/index.htm>. **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 15th.

If you are applying for the Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards, you must complete a recordbook (not a project form). **Reminder: you must have the original and three (3) copies of your recordbook for judging.** You must also complete a 4-H Member Recognition Application form (<http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Recordbooks/yrpinapp09.pdf>), check the award you are applying for and clip it to the outside front cover of your original recordbook. Your Club Manager must sign the form confirming your qualifications.

These awards are due to our office by Monday, June 15th. Copies cannot be made in our office. Copy quality is not judged. If you turn in your recordbook and have checked you are applying for these awards and there are **not** three (3) copies attached, you **will not** be judged for the awards.

If you are applying for the Gold Star Award, you must also complete and attach a Gold Star Award Biographical Sketch form. If you need a copy of the form, contact your Club Manager or visit our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Awards/index.htm>. Gold Star interviews are July 21. Interviews are scheduled for this one day only. If you are applying for the Gold Star Award, please make sure you be available on that day. Applicants will be notified by mail of their interview time.

All recordbook forms, 3x5 card, Member Recognition Application and Recordbook Checksheet are all available in our office or from your Club Manager. Give Pam a call to help you get the correct forms. Recordbooks are due to the 4-H office by Monday, June 15th, 5 p.m. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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 (<http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Awards/index.htm>) for qualifications. The form is due to our office by Monday, June 15th.

Rookie of the Year Award

Club Managers should submit the name of your club's Rookie of the Year to the 4-H office by Monday, June 15th, 5 p.m. Please check the Awards and Recognition Handbook for qualifications. **NO LATE NAMES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Golden Clover Nominations

A Golden Clover is given to an individual or business who has provided exemplary support to the Bexar County 4-H Program. We need your help to identify the individual or business who are deserving of this award. Submission deadline is Monday, June 15th, 5 p.m. to the 4-H office.

Honor Club Award

Clubs have an opportunity to apply for this award by filling out the Texas 4-H Club Standards of Excellence Report form found on our website at http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Awards/TEXAS%204-H%20_hon or%20club_%20report%20form.pdf. The form is due our office by Monday, June 15th, 5 p.m.. Your club name will be put on the Honor Club plaque hanging in our office.

Club Scrapbooks

Put all your photos together and get that scrapbook done. Scrapbooks are due to our office by Monday, June 15th, 5 p.m. There will be cash awards for 1st - 3rd placings. Scrapbook guidelines are on our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Awards/index.htm>. **NO LATE SCRAPBOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

RECORDBOOK INFORMATION

Recordbook or Project Form Deadline

Now is your chance to receive recognition for all your hard work in 4-H this year. You receive awards by turning in a Recordbook or Project Form. When completing a Project Form, a member receives a year pin. When completing a Recordbook, a member receives a year pin and a project medal.

All recordbooks or project forms are due to our office Monday, June 15th 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.

Help Needed!

We need your help on **Tuesday, June 16** 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 Club Manager have some 3" x 5" information cards or you can get them from our office.

✓ 2009 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 Club Manager or visit our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Recordbooks/yrpinapp09.pdf>.

✓ A Recordbook Check Sheet should be clipped it 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: Friday, June 19, County Extension office S-208

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 contact your Club Manager.

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 at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Recordbooks/index.htm>.

Recordbook Tutorial - This tutorial takes you through all the steps to complete a recordbook in about 22 minutes at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Recordbooks/index.htm>.

The Texas 4-H 2008-2009 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.

District Recordbook Judging

Date: Thursday, July 9

Place: Helotes Activity Center

Judges are needed. If you would like to help judge, give Pam a call. Judging will begin at 9 a.m. A lunch will be provided.

This year, there will be a fun activity for members 9-13 years old to attend will you judge. Cost is \$15 for the day, registration is on line via 4-H Connect.

HORSE NEWS

Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, June 29
Place: County Extension office
Time: 7 p.m.



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

2009 State Horse Show Rules

The 2009 show rules are available on the state website along with information on the Horse Project Validation Form, the Grade Horse Form and the State Horse Show schedule of events. Visit the state website at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/state-4h-show/index.htm>

LIVESTOCK NEWS

Steer Validation

Steer Validation date has been set:
Thursday, June 18, O'Connor Ag. Barn 10-12 a.m.
Friday, June 19, Boysville 1- 5 p.m.

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

Turkey Poult Orders

If you are wanting to exhibit turkeys at the 2010 San Antonio, Houston, Star of Texas or Bexar County shows, orders are due to the 4-H office by Friday, July 3rd. Fill out the enclosed form to order your poults.



Aggieland Lamb Camp

Date: July 17-19
Place: Pearce Pavilion, College Station

This camp is ages 8 years and older. Lots of information will be provided on lambs. For more information contact Whitney at 979/945-7616.

Veterinary Science Workshop

Date: Monday, June 1
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: County Extension Office S-208

This workshop is a learning series to help youth meet their required learning lessons in the veterinary science project. For more information on the lessons workshops, contact swellsutff@gmail.com.

Beef & Swine Mentor Training

Date: August 14-16
Place: Texas Tech University -Lubbock
Cost: \$105 by July 10

This training is to train project leaders to provide support to 4-H members in the Beef & Swine projects. Topics include: teamwork, educating youth, selection, showmanship and much more. Registration is on line via 4-H Connect. For more information contact Donald at 940/552-9941.

OUTDOOR FUN

Shooting Sports Coaches Workshop

Date: July 18 & 19

Place: National Gun Club, San Antonio



If you have adult leaders interested in teaching shooting sports, they must attend a certification course conducted by Texas A&M. Mark July 18 & 19 on your calendar. More information will be available soon.

Range Camp

Date: June 22 - 24

Place: Texas State University Freeman Ranch, Wimberley

Cost: \$50 lodging, meals and learning materials

This camp is for youth ages 12 and over. Topics include wildlife habitat, water quality, range improvements and much more. For an application and more information contact Beverly at 830/379-0930 ext. 100. Application deadline June 5.

Taylor County 4-H Shotgun Shoot

Date: June 13

Place: Abilene Clay Sports

Deadline: June 10

For an entry form, registration and more information contact Pam at plight9@yahoo.com.

Shooting Sports Website

If you need any information on any shooting sports contests or events visit <http://shootingsports.tamu.edu> to plan an outdoor activity - need some ideas call Greg.

Fishing Equipment Available

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

Club Managers receive updates once a week on all 4-H happening. Contact your Club Manager for updated information. You can also read the Updates & Reminders on our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/index.htm>.

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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

District 10 4-H Website

To find District 4-H information about events and contests visit <http://d104-h.tamu.edu>. Also visit their blog at <http://d104-h.blogspot.com>.

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/>.

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.

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