

Haven - Reporter Brittany Vorheis

The first official meeting of the Haven 4-H club was held at the Marvel's household on Sept. 2, 2008. President, Jackie Binder called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Ten members were present. Leah discussed project reports and gave everyone an educational handout on Back to School tips for families with dogs. Leah Marvel read the treasurer report from the previous and current month. To conclude the meeting Paula presented a Health and Safety snack activity which we all participated in.

Texas Ryder's - Reporter Charles Cervantes

On Sunday, Sept. 28 a practice was held at the "cilia c ranch" under the supervision of our coach Charles. First off, we attended the mutton bustin rodeo at the Coliseum. Our little Mark Cruz rode his heart out receiving a medal and bandana. We as a club cheered on our Markie. Now on practice day Charles had us do equipment check on our horse before we entered the arena. First drill was up and down from one barrel to the side of the area to the other barrel. Second drill we all lined up together and rode in line around the arena without stir-ups (our feet hanging), this was hard at first, but fun we all laughed. Our coach thought it wasn't too funny because he then made us put our legs around the horses neck and our left hand on top of our head, then trot the horses around the arena in line, it became funnier we all giggled and then broke out laughing. Other drills were done, then came dinner time. You see we voted since we practice on Sunday, the parents would cook for us on a pot luck dinner so when we get home all we do is shower and go to bed with school the next day. We ate beef fajitas, chicken, pork ribs all the trimmings. In closing we all bathed our horses before we left and we want to thank our parents for cooking the bar-b-que. Pending news, we are invited to the Susan Komen Breast Cancer Ride in Laredo, Texas. A authentic real cowboy bunkhouse will be provided if we attend.