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Spring is Here, and Bexar County 4-H is Getting Busy!

Several county-wide projects are currently taking place. In the Vet Science project, members are learning about what's involved an animal examination. The Dog Training project has been covering agility, and members participated in an educational scavenger hunt at a dog show. Members of the Horsemanship and Livestock projects are preparing for various shows, clinics, and contests. In the Shooting Sports project, members have just participated in a fun event called the Shooting Sports Extravaganza. The H2O Adventure project has been educating members about the water cycle and the importance of conserving water. Members of the Public Speaking project have just competed at County Roundup, and are eagerly preparing for District level competition. For the Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP), members are currently preparing for the 2011 state WHEP contest. Finally, the Photography Contest has just taken place, as well as the Fashion Show. Overall, this is has been and will continue to be an exciting season for Bexar County 4-H, with something interesting for everyone!

Leah Marvel, Reporter, Bexar 4-H Council

**DATES HAVE
BEEN SET**



Vet Science Workshop. . . . 4/5
 H2O Adventure 4/11
 Horse Leaders Mtg. 4/25

Results of do you know who they are challenge:

Johnny Carson - Talk show host	Rosalyn Carter- Former first lady
Johnny Cash- Country Western Singer	Alan Shepard - Astronaut
Al Gore -Former U.S. Vice President	Faith Hill - Country Western Singer
Jermaine Jackson Member of Jackson 5	Reba Mc Entire-Country Western Singer
Herschel Walker -Football player in NFL	
Orville Redenbacher - Scientist & Popcorn maker	

Quote this Month

“All our discontents about what we want appeared to spring from the want of thankfulness for what we have.”

Daniel Defoe

”As sure as the spring will follow the winter, prosperity and economic growth will follow recession.”

Bo Bennett

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

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 copy of the project form ask your club manager or visit the 4-H website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Recordbooks/index.htm>

Recordbook Training

Keeping records helps you apply for many awards throughout your 4-H career to include scholarships. Mark your calendar for the next recordbook training by the District 4-H Office is April 4, 6:30 p.m. at the Wilson County Show Barn, RSVP by March 28 to 830/393-7357 or April 7, 6:30 p.m. at D'Hanis ISD Cafeteria, RSVP by March 31 to 830/741-6180 or April 11, 6:30 p.m. at Kerr County Extension Office, RSVP by April 4 to 830/257-6568.

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 Project Show in June. 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.

Making Copies

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

4-H Materials

For a successful 4-H year **ALL** 4-H families should have the following handouts:

- © Newcomer's Handbook -on the 4-H website
- 📄 Awards and Recognition Handbook -on the 4-H website
- 📄 Recordbook Information -on the 4-H website

Updates & Reminders

Every Friday we send Club Managers update emails. 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.

Drop Slot in Front Door

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

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.

Deadlines

Due dates and times are important. Our due dates are decided on according to District and State due dates. Deadlines will be according to office hours 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Most contests will not accept any late entries. However, some late entries will be accepted with a late entry fee. If you mail your forms, entries, etc, it is **your** responsibility to verify that we received it. Please read the newsletter and mark you 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. Best yet-beat the rush and turn in information early!

LEARN AND HAVE FUN ACTIVITIES

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>.

Watch for more activities in the next newsletter.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Soil & Crop Sciences Scholarship

Outstanding graduating high school seniors are eligible to apply for scholarships up to \$8,000 in Agronomy or Plant & Environmental Soil Science. Apply at <http://soilcrop.tamu.edu/scholarships.html>. For more information contact Staci at sfrerich@ag.tamu.edu.

Alamo Community College Scholarship

The Alamo Community College District (ACCD) Foundation and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition are seeking students who wish to pursue challenging and rewarding careers in one of the following program areas: Agribusiness, Agriculture, Allied Health, Nursing, Pre-Medicine, Veterinary Technology and more. For a copy of the application and list of career areas visit their website at www.alamo.edu/foundation/scholarships.htm or give Pam a call. Application is due by April 15 to the Alamo Community College District. If you have any questions contact Anna at 485-0776.

HORSE NEWS

Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, April 25th
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. Future meetings are May 23 and June 27.

Qualifying for District Horse Show

All Bexar County 4-H members are eligible to compete at the District Horse Show. However, Bexar County 4-H members **MUST** participate in at least one of the Qualifying Horse Shows (listed) to be eligible for the Bexar County end of the year horse awards.

LIVESTOCK NEWS

Veterinary Science Workshop

Date: Monday, April 4th
Place: Deerfield Animal Hospital
Time: 7 p.m.

These workshop are open to 4-H'ers and are a learning series to help youth met their required learning lessons in the veterinary science project. April 4th, Teen Leader Training Animal Exam, at the Deerfield Animal Hospital, 14855 Blanco Rd. and May 2nd, Animal Exam Part #2, at the Deerfield Animal Hospital, 14855 Blanco Rd., and June 6th at the County Extension Office.

OUTDOOR FUN

Shooting Sports Website

If you need any information on any shooting sports contests or events visit <http://shootingsports.tamu.edu>.



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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.