Good Bye and Best Wishes
Mike Shockey, our Outreach Youth Educator will be retiring at the end of December. He has been working with the Military and Alamo Area Mutual Housing 4-H clubs for the past 10 years. If you want to wish Mike the best, give him a call at 210/467-6578 or email him at meschockey@ag.tamu.edu. There will be a small reception for Mike in mid December, watch future emails for date, time and place.

Welcome Good News 4-H Club
We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at the Good News Lutheran Church, 11020 Old Corpus Christi Hwy, San Antonio, TX at 7 p.m.
Our main focus is on the foods & nutrition project. Please contact Laura at (210) 632-5669 if you have any questions.

4-H Cartridge & Toner Recycling Program
The Outreach Program Cartridge and Toner Recycling Program is being discontinued. A special “thank you” to all of the 4-Hers who have contributed to this project over the years. 4-H Clubs are encouraged to continue this effort by contacting one or more of the local office supply stores (Home Depot, Office Max and Staples) and establish an account where in-store credit can be accumulated for the purchase of materials for various projects/contests/events.

4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship
Scholarship training is scheduled for **Tuesday, Jan. 7th**, 6:30 p.m. here at our office in S-208. Approximately 200 scholarships ranging in the amount of $1,000 to $20,000 will be awarded to Texas 4-H graduating members. Application, examples and guidelines are available on the state website at [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/scholarships](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/scholarships). Scholarship application and attachments, plus one copy of everything are due to our office by **Tuesday, Jan. 28th**. Take your ACT or SAT tests now, a copy of the scores must be attached to the application. Start filling out your FAFSA (financial form) information now. FAFSA process takes about 3-4 weeks. If you have any questions about the scholarship, please contact Greg.

Youth Day
Youth Day is Saturday, Feb. 8th and is held the first Saturday of the San Antonio Stock Show. 4-H clubs can reserve a table (free) to showcase their club. Clubs are welcome to do hands on activities with visitors or just hand out information about 4-H and their club. Clubs can also participate in a Wagon & Wheelbarrow Parade (guidelines attached) held during Youth Day. Form is filled out as a club, not by individuals. Youth Day sign up form is attached and is due to our office by **Friday, Jan. 10th**.

Salvation Army Stocking Holiday Community Service
County 4-H Council voted to participate in the Salvation Army Stocking event. Stockings are available in our office. Stockings should be filled with non food items and returned to our office by **Friday, Dec. 6th**.

Blue Santa Toy Drive
The County Youth Advisory Committee will be collecting toys for the Blue Santa Parade toy drive. The toys can be of any value for boy or girl, 0-12 years old, unwrapped. Toys can be dropped off to the 4-H office by **Friday, Dec. 6th**, 4 pm. If you have any questions contact Travis at tmc.rc@hotmail.com.

Attention Adult Leaders-Reimbursement Available!
Are you a 4-H Adult Leader who paid to attend a project training this year and have used this training to teach 4-H members in our County? If so, you are eligible to be reimbursed for part of the cost through Bexar County 4-H Council budget, which is made possible from the Chocolate Sales. We need a copy of your receipt from the training you attended and a record of how you used it to benefit Bexar County 4-H members. Please turn this information in to our office by **Friday, Dec. 6th**. Reminder, there is a drop slot in the front door to help you meet deadlines.
Prospect Pig Show
Sunday, Dec. 8th at the Guadalupe County Fairgrounds. Deadline to enter is Dec. 6th. Entry form and flyer attached.

Stock Show Websites
If you need a copy of stock show schedule or rules visit their website:
Bexar County Junior Livestock - www.bcjls.com
San Antonio Stock Show – www.sarodeo.com
Houston Stock Show – www.rodeohouston.com
San Angelo Stock Show – www.sanangelorodeo.com
Star of Texas Stock Show - www.rodeoauustin.com

East Central FFA Prospect Pig Show
Saturday, Dec. 7th at the East Central FFA ShowBarn. $20 a head the day of the show. Check in is 6:30 – 8:30 a.m. See attached flyer for more information.

Re-Fashion Retreat
This retreat features hands on educational sessions to increase your knowledge and skills in the Trashion Show”. Cost is $115, includes two nights lodging, 4 meals, 2 snacks and program fees. Mark your calendar for Dec. 13-15. Deadline to register is Dec. 8th. See attached flyer for more information.

Vet Science Workshops
These workshops are open to all ages and are a learning series to help youth meet their required learning lessons in the veterinary science project. Some lessons will be in a classroom, but several lessons will be hands on. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, Dec. 10th, location TBA, contact Jackie at jackiewanke@gmail.com. Next meeting will be Jan.14th, 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Jackie at jackiewanke@gmail.com

Edgewood Independent School District and 4-H Cooperative Extension Program New Shoe Drive
Edgewood Independent School District has asked for our help in providing new shoes to some of their students. This is a great opportunity to participate in a community service and leadership activity. A list of shoe sizes are attached. New shoes should be dropped off at the Bexar County Extension Office, 3355 Cherry Ridge, Ste 212. SATX 78230 by Dec. 13th. If you need more information, please email desiree.rucker@agnet.tamu.edu. Thank you! We look forward to your help!

San Antonio Stock Show Fashion Show
The Country Couture Youth Fashion Show will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15th at 12:00 pm on the grounds of the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. The purpose of this fashion show is to give our youth an opportunity to show their talents and abilities. This is not a judged competition; it is simply a time when young people can show off a garment that they have made. The garment(s) can be created from a purchased pattern, an original design or a redesign of a garment. This year we would also like to highlight student’s design sketches or design boards. We will have them displayed prior to and during the fashion show itself. They do not have to have a garment in the fashion show in order to have this work displayed. Deadline to enter is Feb. 5th. Registration form is attached.

Volunteers Needed
The Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Board of Directors is looking for volunteers who can work a two hour shift helping prepare and serve hot dogs to the participants at the Auction on Saturday, January 11th at Cowboy's Dancehall. If you can help please contact Desi at 210/396-9198 or desi_mosmeyer@yahoo.com. Thank you!
Dog Certification
If you will be showing your dog at the State Dog Show, you must have your dog certified on 4-H Connect before Jan. 10th. An instruction sheet is attached.

Dash for Cash Winter Classic – Heifers, Steers, Goats, Lambs
Saturday, Dec. 14th, Henderson County Fairpark Complex in Athens. See attached flyer for more information.

National 4-H Conference
Applications will be accepted on 4-H Connect for the 2014 National 4-H Conference until Dec. 15th. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. The event will be April 5-10, 2014 in Washington DC at the National 4-H Center. Cost to attend this event is $2,000. This includes airfare, transportation, registration costs, food, and housing. For more information please see the attached flyer or visit http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth_national_conference

Entomology Judging Workshop
Did you know that insects are extremely diverse and make up more than half of the species on earth? Are you interested in learning about insects? All ages are welcome to join us and be a part of the Entomology Judging Team. Next meeting is Sunday, Dec. 15th, 2 p.m. at the 4-H office S-208. Future meetings will be announced. If you have any questions you can contact Molly at mekeck@ag.tamu.edu.

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Eligibility Form
All 4-H members who participate in this show will need to be academically eligible. It is the responsibility of each member to print the attached form, write the member’s name in the space provided “I hereby certify that___________” and take it to your school for the principal or designee to verify you are academically eligible. Please have them check if you are “academically eligible” or “not academically eligible” and have them sign at the bottom of the form. Before returning the form to our office, please make sure your parent/guardian signs in the space provided.

The show is held during a time you are out of school on holiday, however, to participate in the show you must be academically eligible.

The eligibility form (attached) is due to our office on or before Monday, December 16th. You are welcome to fax the form to our office at 210/930-1753 or scan and email to paxtell@ag.tamu.edu. We will not accept incomplete forms. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 210/467-6575.

Please do not wait until the last minute to take your form to school, holidays are coming up and schools are very busy with upcoming activities. Eligibility form is attached.

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Kickoff Teen Dance
Mark your calendar for Sunday, Dec. 22nd from 6 – 11 p.m. at the Cowboys Dance Hall. Pre-ticket package is available, see attached flyer for more information.

Horse Leaders Meeting
If you are interested in helping to plan upcoming horse shows or workshops, this is the meeting to attend. Mark your calendar for the next meeting, Monday, Dec. 23rd, 7 p.m. at our office in S-208. Future meeting date is to be announced.
4-H Cash Blowout Jackpot (Swine, Goats, Lambs, Heifers, Steers)
Jackpot show is **January 4th** at the Rusk County Youth Expo Center in Henderson. For more information see attached flyer.

4-H Archery Camp
*January 24-26, 2014-Texas 4-H Conference Center, Brownwood.* This camp is open to any 4-H member wanting to improve their shooting knowledge and skills in recurve and compound archery. Youth participants should have beginning or intermediate experience in shooting archery and understand the basic archery safety, range rules and whistle commands. Members must provide their own equipment. Registration is on 4-H Connect by **Jan. 9th**.

San Antonio Stock Show Photography Contest
Do you like to take pictures? It’s free to enter your photo into the San Antonio Stock Show photography contest. Guidelines are attached. Deadline to enter is **Monday, Jan. 13th** to the stock show photography committee NOT OUR OFFICE.