We Are Here To Help
Many times we have leaders/members/parents say “we did not know”! For example: when forms are due, what was needed, how to enter, when and where the event is, etc. To keep everyone informed, we send out emails twice a month to all 4-H families. We also send “Updates & Reminders” to club managers every Friday. Read the email articles and call if you have a question, we are here for YOU. You can also call your club manager for information. Contact Greg at gmyles@ag.tamu.edu or Desiree at desiree.rucker@ag.tamu.edu or Pam at paxtell@ag.tamu.edu. We are here for YOU.

Contact Our 4-H Agent
For the next couple of weeks, Greg will be in and out of the office attending stock shows. He will be caring a county cell phone that you can reach him at any time if you have any questions. The number is 210/417-7252.

Office Closed
Our office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 20th for Martin Luther King holiday. If you are trying to meet a deadline, there is a drop slot in the front door of S-212.

Youth Country Fair Baking Contest
Here is another fun activity for you to participate in at the San Antonio Stock Show on Youth Day, Feb. 8th, 2014. Country Fair is a baking contest. If you enjoy baking, this is the contest for you. You can enter cookies, cakes, breads, pies, candy & much more. Cost is $3 per class. You can enter one item in each class, there are 12 classes. Entry form and guidelines are attached. Entry form is due (postmarked) to the fair committee (address on form) by Saturday, Jan. 25th.

4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship
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. 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. There is a drop slot in the front door to help you meet this deadline.

If you are a graduating senior and are going to School Tour this year, this scholarship is also available to you. Follow the same guidelines as the Foundation Opportunity Scholarship. Due to our office by Tuesday, Jan. 28th.

The First-EVER White House Student Film Festival
We’re launching our first-ever White House Student Film Festival -- and we’re inviting K-12 students from around the country to create and submit one- to three-minute short web videos. Finalists could have their videos screened at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, and posted on the White House website. The topic: Highlighting the importance of technology in the classroom -- and imagining how technology will change the educational experience for kids in the future. Submit your film at wh.gov/filmfestival. Deadline to submit your film is Jan. 29th.

2014 4-H Budget
County 4-H Council has met and approved the attached budget. All the money budgeted is from you helping sell chocolate for Bexar County 4-H. You can take advantage of some of the partial reimbursements when you enter District Contests or attend listed camps. The money also pays for all recordbook awards given out at the County Awards Program. If you have any questions about the budget, please let us know.
Public Speaking Workshops
Can you believe that the County Roundup Contest (Public Speaking) is coming up in March. There have been several workshops planned to help prepare you and your presentation to enter this contest. Mark your calendar for Saturday, Feb. 1st, Feb. 8th, Feb. 15th and Feb. 22nd to be held at our office in S-208 from 2 – 6 p.m. Watch emails for future workshop dates.

Items Needed
Looking for old box graters and metal colanders for use in a decor project. Also, tea cups or dainty coffee cups and saucers. Mis-matched ones are great. We will use the cup and saucers to make pin-cushions at a Extension meeting. Attached is a picture of tea cup pin-cushions we will be making. Graters/colanders needed by February 3rd and cups needed by February 15th. If you have any questions, contact Connie at 210/467-6575.

Internships Available in Child Development, School-Age and Youth Development Programs
The Military Extension Internship Program is an opportunity for college students to gain practical work experience in child development, school-age, and youth programs. Interns work on military installations around the world for 10 to 15 weeks and receive a broad range of experiences, from working with children and youth and implementing programs, to learning about the management of child and youth centers.

A partnership between the Cooperative Extension System and the Department of Defense has provided the funding for this national, military childcare/youth development internship program. Through this initiative, students and recent graduates will have the opportunity to develop professional skills in childcare and youth development through practical work experience with military children, youth, and families. Interns’ compensation will include an hourly wage or stipend and assistance with travel expenses.

Interns will be placed on military installations across the United States with limited opportunities for international placement. The Military Extension Internship Program will accept applications for the Summer 2014 class through January 31st. More information and application materials can be found at http://www.ydae.purdue.edu/military/. The program brochure is attached. Please call Desiree at 210/467-6578, if you have any questions.

Exhibitor Cards
We now have stock show Exhibitor cards available in our office. They are 11x13 cardstock signs, that you can list your name, club, county and project to hang on your exhibitor pen. Please call before you come to make sure we have some left.

County Photography Contest
Do you like to take pictures....this is the contest to enter. Photos must have been taken by the 4-H member between the dates of January 1st, 2013 and March 9th, 2014. There are 15 different categories to enter. This contest is free to enter and your photo does not have to be mounted or enlarged to an 8x10. Rules and guidelines are attached. Photos are due to our office by Monday, March 10th.

Club Sign In Sheet
Several Club Managers asked if we could provide a copy of the sign in sheets we use for our events. The sign in sheet (attached) will help you know who attended your meetings, their email address and their ethnicity breakdown. All this information will help you compile the monthly reports we ask you to complete every month.

Club Rooster
Club Managers have access to their club membership rooster. Please go onto 4-H Connect and check your rooster to make sure members that are attending your meetings are currently enrolled. Many 4-H activities
are coming up and if your members are not enrolled they will not be eligible to participate in the activity. Reminder, While you are checking your members, also, check your adult leader enrollment. We show there are 50 pending adult leaders that need to pay $10 for their background screening payable to our office. If you need your club password, please contact us.

**IRS Filing - Update**

- Some clubs are getting a “Rejected” message from the IRS. That is fine, go ahead and file. Forward that message to our office and Texas 4-H (email address below), print and keep a copy for your files.
- Once you receive the confirmation forward that email to the County Extension Agent (gmyles@ag.tamu.edu) AND to Texas 4-H <texas4h@ag.tamu.edu> - Make sure the County Name and Club Name are in the message.

Go to [https://epostcard.form990.org](https://epostcard.form990.org) to file. Enter your EIN# and then “01”, it will then ask for your email address and for you to set up a password for your club. Enter the year this filing is for (September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2013) and then your club name and the EIN#. When it asks for “In Care Of”, enter your name and when it asks for the mailing address, please enter our office address (3355 Cherry Ridge Dr. S-212, SA, Tx. 78230). “Principal Officer” will be your name. Please print a copy of your submission before you hit the submit button. After you hit the submit button, you will receive a confirmation email of “Accepted” or “Rejected) filing, please email a copy to our office at gmyles@ag.tamu.edu and to the Texas 4-H office at texas4h@ag.tamu.edu. Deadline to have this completed was January 14th, 2014, however, if you have not done it yet, please do this ASAP.

Key points to remember:
- The filing time period is September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2013
- If a club did not charter until after September 1, 2013, they do NOT file
- Have your EIN # available before you begin.
- Please email confirmation on your filing, to our office at gmyles@ag.tamu.edu AND to Texas 4-H texas4h@ag.tamu.edu.

If you have any questions about the IRS 990 filing, please contact Greg.

**MasterChef Junior**

MasterChef is on a nationwide search for the most talented young home cooks in America between the ages of 8 and 13 (as of March 10, 2014). An open casting call will be held on Saturday, January 25th at the Holiday Inn - Dallas Park Cities in Dallas from 10 am to 6 pm. For application, instructions, audition guidelines, eligibility requirements, and open call details, go to: masterchefjuniorcasting.com.