

“TO MAKE THE
BEST BETTER!”
~4-H
FOREVER AND
EVER BY WEBB
COUNTY!

The 4-H Webb

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Happy New Year-to one and all!**
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- **Project Leader focus**
- **Open B.A.R. is right around the corner**
- **Meet the Webb!**
- **Clover Corner**

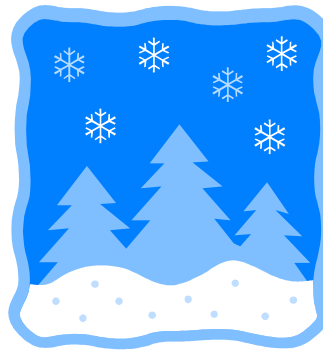
WELCOME!!!—Agent's Address

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! As we all work on greeting the new year with friends and family, I encourage everyone to think about their 4-H family as well. The 4-H year is gearing up for all sorts of contests and activities and the turn of the year is just adding fuel to the fire.

January is serving as a preparation month for February and all the MAJOR 4-H activities that are just around the corner. Please be sure to work hard and stay on top of grades and attendance as many activities and contests will be affected by the approval or non-approval of the schools.

Gearing up for the rush of the shopping season hopefully prepared everyone for the rush of

the 4-H season. As everyone is aware, we have LIFE just around the corner and many county contests shortly after that. 4-H



then leads off into District contests and the end of the school year!

So, in short, we are kicking off the avalanche of 4-H events so please take the time this

month to work on preparing yourselves for the rush!

As always, the suggestions mailbox is available in the Extension office and I invite you to place suggestions in it. Please make sure to only put HELPFUL comments and suggestions in it. You are more than welcome to share any complaints with me in person by appointment so we can work to solve any major problems as quickly as possible.

Please be sure to call with any questions or concerns about LIFE or any of the upcoming events. To hear more please continue reading...

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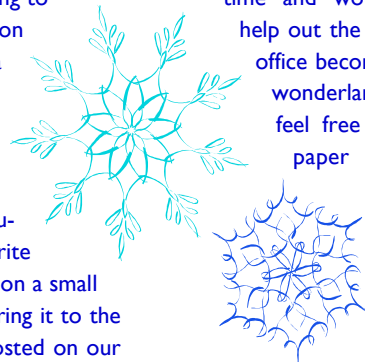
5... 4... 3... 2... HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Many warm greetings for the new year! As many of you have figured out, the 4-H agent has come up with an activity for each month to help 4-H members, volunteers, and parents to focus on the bigger picture.

In November, we did “Leaves of Thanksgiving” to remember all the things we have to be thankful for. In December, we did a “Present for the Present” to focus on giving rather than receiving during the Christmas season.

So, why stop a good thing? In January we are going to take time to focus on making ourselves a little better for the rest of the world to see. This month's activity is to write a New Year's resolution. Feel Free to write your 4-H Resolution on a small piece of paper and bring it to the office so it can be posted on our “4-H To Do for 2011” wall.

Also, if you have some free time and would like to help out the 4-H agent's office become a winter wonderland, please feel free to make a paper snowflake for her wall of winter fun!



New year, new beginnings!



*Help
Green Out
Webb
County!!!*

As many of you know, we have been working on getting a few new projects started in the county. Many of which will make a lasting change and bring many benefits to those members, parents, and volunteers to come.

I would like to take this opportunity to announce one of the new hopes for Webb County 4-H... We are hoping to "Green Out" Webb County! We are hoping to raise enough funds to provide EACH 4-H Member a Green

4-H Shirt! The impact of Webb County 4-H has been out of the eye of the public and I am sad to report that not many people know what 4-H is.

Our hope is that by giving each 4-H member a green t-shirt and dedicating one day during National 4-H Week and possibly one day during L.I.F.E., we can increase awareness about 4-H and the fantastic opportunities that 4-H offers.

In order to take on this project, we are having to do

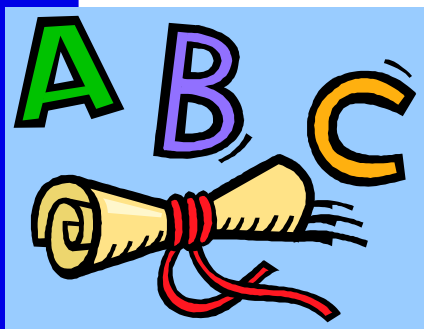
some major fundraising. We will be holding car washes and having a few other fundraisers over the next few months so please be on the lookout for them and show your support!

If EACH 4-H Member contributes just a little bit, we'll have the needed funds in no time. However, we NEED EACH member to contribute to make this work.

Details will be distributed as those fundraisers approach.

Project Leader focus...

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As the new calendar year starts, we are nearly halfway through our 4-H year. But as the calendar changes to a new

number and we flip a page in our book of life, we have many new opportunities to evaluate and create a plan of action for the upcoming times.

Many of our wonderful project leaders will be provided new opportunities to increase their knowledge and expertise in many of the project areas. We will be trying to send interested project leader to statewide clinics and seminars to learn new information to share with the whole county!

We are also planning to bring many speakers and presenters here to give workshops in the various project areas. We would like to give interested project leaders the opportunity to attend trainings, workshops, and clinics to gain more resources to help our youth do well with their projects. We will be needing any interested leaders to contact the Extension office with the project areas of interest and sign up so we can contact you accordingly.

*"pHase three...
4-H Open B.A.R."*

The empHasis Project... Head!



It's almost time for pHase three! 4-H will soon be hosting it's very own Open B.A.R. However, it's not the traditional open bar that many people think of. The 4-H Open B.A.R. is a mini-fair that will be open to the public. The B.A.R. theme is actually an

acronym for Be Alcohol Resistant. This pHase is all about promoting alcohol awareness.

We are teaming up with different organizations to provide interesting presentations and activities for youth on the effects of alcohol consumption

including legal actions that could be taken.

The Open B.A.R. will be held sometime before the start of Spring Break. Please be sure to check out our newsletter and facebook page for updates.

Meet the Webb...

The foundation of any 4-H program are the members. Without them, there is no program and no need for volunteers or agents. So, in an effort to recognize the importance of this foundation for a strong program, I would like to introduce the Spinnerets of Webb County!

This group of individuals are parts of club experiences that allow them to develop into FANTASTIC young men and women. Each member plays an important role in the program but some times there is just a little more effort put forth by certain members allowing others to lean on them for support, upholding the entire program a little at a time-much like the parts of a spider web.

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There are many parts of a spider web that makes it functional just like our 4-H program. Support Threads

are the first spun threads that allows the spider to create the rest of the web. After laying these Support Threads, the spider reinforces the center to create strength for the Radial Threads which will later support

another part of the web.

The center which the spider reinforced is called a Hub which is the starting place for the circular pattern which consists of Spiral Threads, resting on the Radial Threads. The Spinnerets are the part of the Spider that makes all of this creation possible!



So, without further ado, this edition's Spinnerets!

This edition of the 4-H Webb includes a mini-highlight of each club and their goals and plans for the upcoming 4-H year. This section will highlight the 4-H members and their hard work giving a monthly summary of the events that each club is doing.

Clubs: Meeting Times and Locations

Bangora 4-H Club meets at the Extension Conference Room on the 2nd Sunday of the month

Brush Country 4-H Club meets at the E. J. Salinas Community Center Library in Mirando City.

Cactus Country 4-H Club meets at 3416 Logan Ave.

Comanche 4-H Club meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month in the Extension Conference Room and at the D. & J. Alexander Ranch for clinics.

El Cielo 4-H Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the LIFE Restaurant at 6:30 p.m.

Del Norte 4-H Club meets at 1111 Eisenhower Dr.

Lone Star 4-H Club meets at United Day School at 6:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month.

Los Amigos 4-H Club meets in the Extension Office Conference Room the 2nd Sunday of every month at 2 p.m.

Los Vaqueros 4-H Club meets the 1st Sunday or every month at the County Extension Office Conference Room at 3:00 p.m.

Lucky Clover 4-H Club meets at various Adult Leaders' Homes on the 2nd Monday or Wednesday of the month.

Mesquite Rangers 4-H Club meets at the Laredo Rifle Club.

Mustang 4-H Club meets at Nixon High School in Room V10 or V7 on the 1st Thursday of every month during the school year after the school day concludes.

Shooting Sports 4-H Club meets at the South Texas Shooting Complex on Highway 359 on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

Stallions 4-H Club meets at United High School on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the end of the school day.

Teamwork 4-H Club meets at Grace Bible Church on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

United South 4-H Club meets at United South Middle School on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 4:15

Webb County 4-H Council meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the County Extension Office Conference Room.

Preparation for LIFE!

As the LIFE fair gets closer I hope everyone is excited and working hard on their projects as well as the decorations for their club's area!

Be sure to track weight gains and loses very carefully to make sure you fall within the rules for the species that you are showing. I would recommend reading the LIFE rules to make sure your canning, baking, and sewing projects fall into the guidelines and rules set for those projects too.

Also, make sure that you can easily lead your animal and have been practicing showing. Make plans to attend our Showmanship Clinic and

Show the first weekend of Feb. for showing tips.

We will be checking eligibility so make sure to study hard and do all your home-work. Grades are super important! Be sure to attend school every day you possibly can so that way you are up to date on assignments and learning what is being taught. It'll make the make up work you have to do easier. Plus it'll make it easier for your school principals to give



you permission for missing class if you show that you are making an effort to do your best in class. Be on your best behavior and mind your manners in the classroom.

Come by to get your House Bill 72 for your LIFE event. ONE form will be all that is needed for ALL L.I.F.E. Events Please contact

your club manager to get the form to be filled out.

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Winter time is FANTASTIC!

We try to take a little time each month to recognize all the hard work that has been done in the county and this month is no different. We would like to thank EVERYONE that helped make our Coolest Celebration Around the great event that it was.

The decorations looked amazing and the dance was a ton

of fun! Everyone danced very well! I sure hope everyone had lots of fun and will be looking forward to the next great event in Webb County!

We could not have had this great chance to dance the night away, without the super chaperones that we had come and help. Again, we would like to thank all the workers that helped with decorations and

making things run smoothly with ticket sales, lighting, concessions, set up and tear down!

Be sure to keep an eye out to see what our next grand adventure will be!

“Dancing the night away...”

Cloverbud Corner

On the back side of this newsletter, there is a special portion for the Clover Kid in each of us. Please feel free to have your clover kid do the activity, color the picture, cut it out and bring it by the office to be displayed in the Clover Patch along with pictures of 4-H members doing 4-H activities.

Clover Kids Activities are taking place all the time! Different 4-H clubs have active Clover Kid

programs. County wide events are in the process of being planned. Check back here next month to see what the next Clover Kid event of the 2010-2011 4-H year is!

This month's activity may require some help to get it done. This month's clover kid project is making a snowman. Please help them cut out the pieces and create their snowman. Use the provided pieces or create your own. Then



bring them by the office to be displayed.

If you have any suggestions, please feel free to drop them off in the suggestion box at the extension office.



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4-H: To make the Best Better.
Webb County: Forever and Ever!

Texas 4-H offers a **TON** of opportunities for today's communities. We invite you to come check out our local program and learn what a difference our program can make in your life. Young or old, we have a place and a need for your participation to help our program grow.

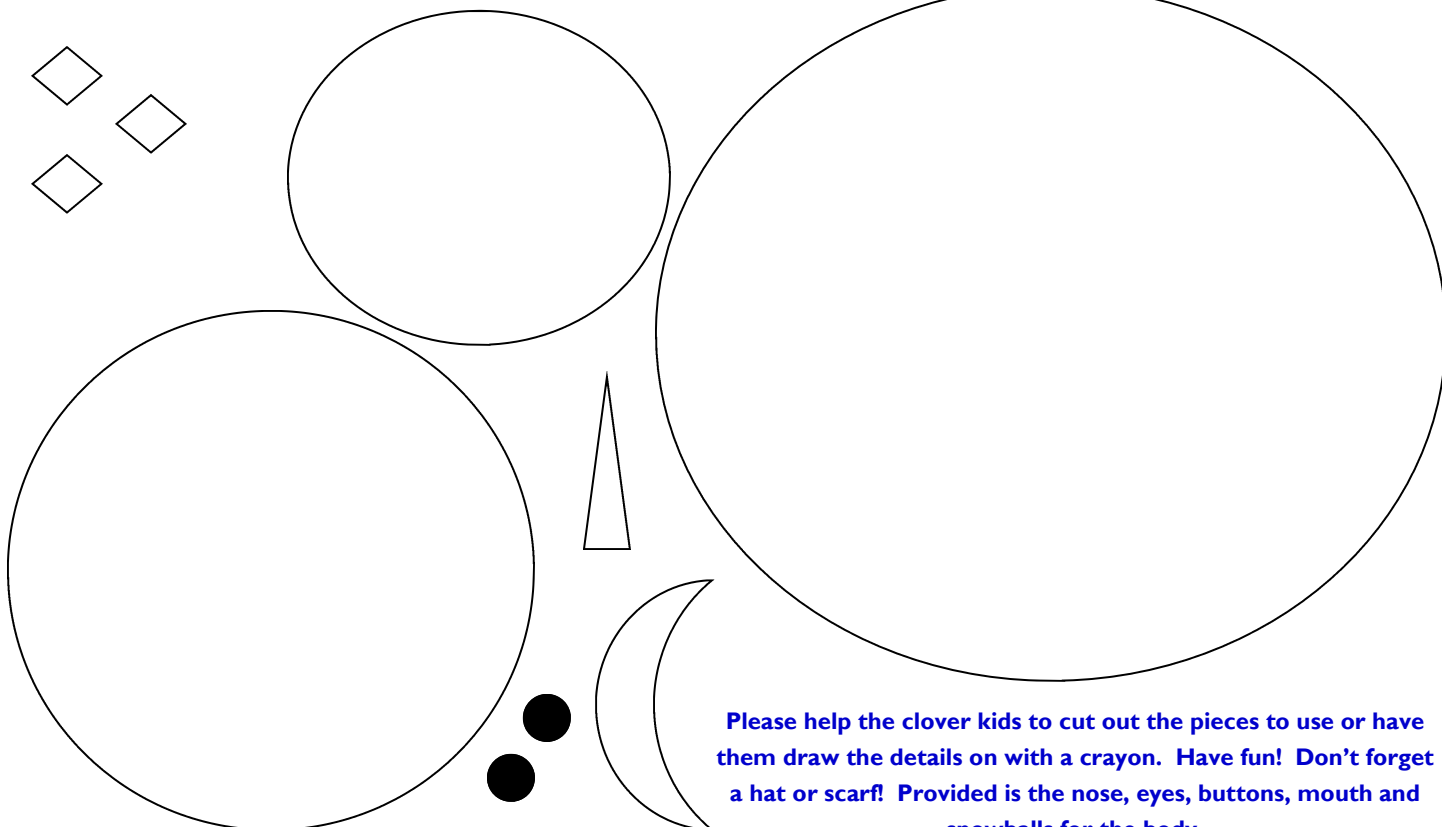
If you would like to learn more about the 4-H program and what you can do to become a part of a **GREAT** program, please feel free to call the local extension office at the number on the left. Please ask for our 4-H agent, **Christine Sanchez**. She would be delighted to talk to you!



Cloverbud Corner

The Future of 4-H rests on the younger sibling, friends, and member of the community so we can't leave them out of the Webb!

Cut out the snowman, put it together and bring it to the Extension Office to be displayed!



Please help the clover kids to cut out the pieces to use or have them draw the details on with a crayon. Have fun! Don't forget a hat or scarf! Provided is the nose, eyes, buttons, mouth and snowballs for the body.