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

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WELCOME!!!—Agent's Address

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Howdy! November is a month of cooler weather and the start of long shopping days in preparation for the Christmas season. Many people start thinking about the end of the school semester and looking forward to a break from school over the holidays.

November contains a holiday that is usually overlooked; Thanksgiving. I am sure that most everybody knows how the Thanksgiving tradition started. "The Pilgrims and the Indians" shared a feast to celebrate the first harvest after a HUGE learning experience for the Pilgrims.

4-H is a program based on many helping hands that contribute in many different ways to make the program work. We have members that come up with ideas and the energy to participate. We have project leaders, club managers, and other volunteers that help gather resources and knowledge to help those



members carry those ideas to an end.

So, in short, I guess anyone involved in 4-H has many things to be thankful for. And I want to send out a BIG THANK YOU to all those that work so hard for our program.

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.

I hope we can keep up the great work as we plan more and more exciting events for Webb County! Thanks for reading!

Christine R. Sanchez 4-H &Youth Development Agent

Webb County

Fall Traditions...

Starting this time of year, memories and traditions become more prominent.. Little things remind you of family and fun times.

It may be that old ribbon on a shelf that falls as you pull down a box. It may be an old snapshot of friends at the beach when you took that vacation last year. It may be old ticket stubs for that awesome Spurs game from last year or the cool concert you went to last month. It could be something as unique as an old candleholder that your mother used. Or a dish that you can remember a traditional dish being served in for Thanksgiving or Christmas.

A long standing tradition for many families is to sit down to their Thanksgiving dinner and go around the table saying what they are thankful for. In my family, we would spend the whole month being thankful. We would cut out leaves from paper

> then as we thought of things write what we were thankful for on the leaves. We would then tape those leaves to the wall in

the dining room so we could all see the many reason we had for being thankful. PAGE 2



FACEBOOK!!!!

Online Updates!!! Via Facebook!

For most people in this new day and age, internet usage is a daily occurrence. Most of you 4-H members have email, instant messenger, facebook, twitter, myspace, and other social networking things to stay updated on what's going on with your friends.

Webb County 4-H is joining the club! Webb County 4-H now has a Facebook page that will be updated to have pictures of past events, and scheduling of upcoming events. It'll also be a place for you to meet members from other clubs and keep updated on what's going on in Webb County.

I'll also be posting our newsletter and flyers for any events we plan on having. I would LOVE to have you added to our page!

For those of you that do not have Facebook, we are still posting the newsletter on our regular website and will be sending reminders to club managers for them to pass on to the members and families. We are just opening the door for new and fun ways to get members involved with and informed about 4-H activities and events in Webb County.

If you have any ideas for fun events for 4-H members, please let me know. I want to make 4-H fun, so help me do just that.

"Webb County will serve as a groundbreaker into unknown territories."

Webb County 4-H Dog Project

The Webb County 4-H Dog Project will be meeting Nov. 22nd at 6 p.m. We will be starting the year long project that will end in our very own dog show. We have lots of support and great things planned for this year. We will be covering the basics of the 4-H dog project as well as expectations. We will also have a live demonstration and a guest speaker.

The 4-H Dog Project is open to any 4-H member. The member must have an interest in dogs and dog industry and be willing to attend and participate in ALL project meetings and events. The project is geared towards members that have a dog but those who do not have dogs are more than welcome to participate as well.

There will be a dog show held in May for everyone in the project. A demonstration team will also be put together of hand-picked individuals based on dedication and performance to give presentations. If you are interested in the Dog Project and would like more information before the meeting, please feel free to call the Extension office and ask questions.



"Step two- The Two Step"



The empHasis Project... Health!

pHase two-The County Dance lessons are well under way. We have been and will continue to have dance lessons. We have covered the basic Texas Two Step and some simple but fun line dances.

We will be learning more

fun steps to add to the basics over the next month and a half. It's not too late to join in the fun and learn a thing or two.

This is COUNTY-WIDE project, so it doesn't matter which club you're a part of.

Any new friends can join 4-H too! All these lessons are leading up to a 4-H Dance to be held in December.

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 parts of a spider web 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.

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

"There are many 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 County Extension Office 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.

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.

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Livestock Update!

As the Laredo International Fair and Exposition is such a large part of the 4-H program in Webb County, We are doing our best to keep you informed.

Steer, Lamb, and Goat Entry Cards have already been turned in and project animals have already been validated.

Our Livestock Project Clinics have already taken place. We had a small turnout but are hopeful for a larger turnout at future clinics. These clinics are highly recommended to any new livestock project families. We are also planning a showmanship clinic in February to cover the basics in show ring manners and techniques. Showmanship makes all the difference in the world and we want Webb County looking good!

Also, there are many prospect shows all around. Information on these will be passed along as soon as possible for those who want to participate. Please check with your club manager for information on prospect shows. We are having a LOCAL prospect show hosted by one of our clubs. Please keep an eye out for upcoming information on that show. I hope that we have a good show of support for the local 4-H program.

Look for reminders and further details in future newsletters.

All it takes is a few interested members and a willing volunteer to start a new project!



November is a great time to say THANKS!

The 4-H Awards Banquet was held on Saturday, October 23rd at the LIFE show barn. I want to say THANK YOU to all the people that came to help set up and create decorations. It took a lot of time and hands but everything looked GREAT! For those of you that could not make it the actual banquet, try to plan on making it next year! Awards were handed out to fantastic adults and members for their hard work and dedication. Outstanding Friend of 4-H was Mr. William Michael Powell, Jr. Outstanding Adult Leaders were Agriculture-Omar Garza and Family and Consumer Sciences-Tracy Jarzombek.

Outstanding 4-H Juniors:

Maritza Longoria and Naomi Garza. Outstanding 4-H Intermediate: Audrey Vasquez. Outstanding 4-H Senior: Cesar Vallarta. 4-H Gold Stars were: Gustavo Garza, Mary Lee Santana, and Chamonix Mejia.

We also recognized 9 rookies for the great effort they put forth in their first year as a 4-H Member. "4-H is designed to make a difference."

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 cutting out a leaf. Please help them write something they are thankful for on the leaf. They can color the leaf however they would



like. Then bring your leaf 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.



4-H in Webb County

Christine R. Sanchez 7209 East Saunders Street L Suite 5 I Laredo, Texas 78041 Phone: 956-721-2626 I Fax: 956-721-2230 E-mail: crsanchez@ag.tamu.edu 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

isit the Texas 4-H website!

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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!

Please have Clover Kids color, and cut out the leaf. Then help them write something they are thankful for on it and bring to the County Extension office to be displayed. Enjoy!

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Color and Cut it out for it to be posted in the Extension Office!

