"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:

- 4-H is Amazing...
- 4-H Game Day
- **Webb County** 4-H Dog **Project**
- The **empHasis** Project...
- Meet the Webb!
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## WELCOME!!!——Agent's Address

Hello, hello one and all! As the new school year well underway and football season is going strong, 4-H activities tend to slow down. Well, Webb County is changing that. October is the month that contains many great 4-H times just like any other time of year. We are kicking off the month with the activities introduced in last month's newsletter and many more!

National 4-H week started off with our first ever "4-H is Amazing" event. Following that we had our new 4-H Family Orientation and have a couple of Livestock Clinics planned for the upcoming weeks to help everyone start off on the right foot.

We are also planning our annual 4-H Banquet to recognize all the hard work that our 4-H members and volunteers do every year.



As also mentioned in last month's newsletter, there will be a Comments and Suggestions mailbox in the County Extension Office where each of you can drop off suggestions for the 4-H program.

This is a POSITIVE suggestions mailbox only though so 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!

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### 4-H is Amazing... YAY!!!

Just to give everyone an update... The 4-H is Amazing campaign kick-off was FANTAS-TIC! A hearty thank you goes out to all the people that worked so hard to get everything done.

The "4-H is Amazing" Day that was held in conjunction with National 4-H week drew in many people that did not know what 4-H was all about. The posters were very educational but still lots of fun.

The volunteers and members were full of energy and ex-Webb County 4-H citement. had a Proud day indeed! For those of you that missed it, look for our next one that is sure to be just as great!

Another Thank You goes out to everyone that supported our 4-H Car Wash! The first fundraiser of the year did well.

We can do more if we have more to work with. More members, more volunteers. which needs more money to do





Hats off to the best program around!

## Meet the 4-H Agent Game Day

As football season is well underway, I know many people are supporting their favorite teams. I plan on doing so as well, all year long... The 4-H team is one of the most diverse teams out there and I hope to get to meet all the fantastic players! Playing games, be it card, board, or other types, is also one of my favorite pastimes so what better way to meet the new 4-H agent.

Webb 4-H Council has lots of fun games planned for

The Webb County 4-H Dog

Project will be kicking off In

This meeting will cover the

the calendar for this project.

stration and a guest speaker.

November with our first meet-

ing on November 22nd at 6 p.m.

basics of the 4-H dog project as

well as go over expectations and

We will also have a live demon-

an evening of laughter and good times. We hope you can find time to join us. Thank you in advance for making our first 4-H Game Day a success. I can't wait to learn new games and beat you at some of my favorites.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to ask questions and make conversation but please keep in mind that there will be lots of people that will want their chance to grill the new agent too!

For those of you that cannot make it to our game day, please feel free to stop by the office, call or e-mail me and introduce yourself. I want to get to know the 4-H program in Webb County which means that I need to know every participant-member or

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 4-H Dog Project

"Webb County will serve as a groundbreaker into unknown

territories."

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 travel and give presentations to other 4-H programs. 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!

So with part one, done and under our belts... It's time to move to step two-The Two Step! We will be holding Texas Two-Step Lessons once a week for three months with guest instructors in the third month. Each 4-Her is

welcome to bring a friend for this great time of selected country music, fantastic dancing (including spins, twirls, dips, and flips), and great fun with good friends. This is COUNTY-WIDE project, so it doesn't matter which club

you're a part of. Any new friends can join 4-H at the end of the night. This set of lessons is part of the Health portion of the empHasis project.

We will also be offering Rock climbing lessons as well so stay tuned to keep posted!

### 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

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

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

					1	4-H Car Wash!
3 4-H is Amazing!	4	5 Club Manager meeting	6	7 New 4-H Family Orientation	8 LIFE Lamb & Goat cards due	one day 4-H LIFE Steer Validation
10	11	12 4-H Council Meeting	13	14 Large Live- stock Pro- ject Clinic	15	16 LIFE Lamb & Goat Validation Meet the Agent
17 4-H Dance Lessons Start	18	19	20	21	22	23 4-H Annual Awards Banquet
24 4-H Dance Lessons	25	26 Communica- tions Work- shop	27	28 Small Live- stock Pro- ject Clinic	29	30
31 4-H Dance Lessons/ Halloween Party	October is a month of tricks and treats and 4-H. National 4-H Week is the first full week in October. We use this week to recognize 4-H. Thanks to all 4-H supporters!					

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### Livestock Central!

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.

LIFE 2010-2011 Rules are available in our office if you need to check the rules applying to your project. Also, we will be holding Livestock clinics to provide you with information for your livestock experience.

A large animal clinic will be held on October 14 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Webb County Extension Office Conference Room.

Beef, Lamb and Goat Livestock Projects will be discussed at this clinic.

A small animal clinic will be held on October 28 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Webb County Extension Office Conference Room. Swine, Poultry, and Rabbit Projects will be discussed at this clinic.

In addition to these livestock clinics this fall-covering feeding, weighing, and diseases, we are 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.

Look for reminders and further details in future newlet-

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



#### Starting of a new year means the wrap up of an old one...

The 4-H Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday October 23rd at United Day School. There will be lots of food and a fun time to be had by all. This year's theme will be Retro 4-H to take a look at where Webb County has come so we can look ahead to where we are going.

Many interesting publications, pictures and remember and enjoy. Hope to newspaper articles will prove to be helpful in decorating for this event so if you have that you would like to share or see on display for the awards banquet, please let the 4-H agent know by calling the Webb County Extension office.

see you there!

"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 activi-

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 details on our first Clover Kid event of the 2010-2011 4-H year!

This month's activity will require some help to get it done. Cotton ball sheep are cute ways to introduce the livestock aspect of 4-H to our younger members. Please help



them do the activity and bring it 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

> isit the Texas 4-H website! texas4-h.tamu.edu

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

you!

Please help Clover Kids cover sheep with cotton balls using glue. Then cut out and bring to the County Extension office to be displayed. Enjoy!

