

“TO MAKE THE  
BEST BETTER!”

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FOREVER AND  
EVER BY WEBB  
COUNTY!

# The 4-H Webb

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 4-H Days
- New Agent
- New Year,  
New  
Opportunities
- The  
empHasis  
Project...
- Meet the  
Webb!
- Clover  
Corner

## WELCOME!!!—Agent's Address

Hello, hello one and all! I sure hope each of you has enjoyed your sizzling summer! I have not had the pleasure of meeting each and every one of you yet but I am looking forward to working with every 4-H member and volunteer this upcoming year. We have MANY new things in store for Webb County and hope everyone is as excited as I am. 4-H County Council will be coordinating many new “4-H Days” throughout the year and I hope you each can find time to check one or more of them out.

We also are in the process of starting new projects and activities that can be used as part of some of the active projects you are already a part of! Details on each of these great experiences can be located in

other parts of this newsletter. I hope you can find a few minutes to read all about it!



Also new this year, we will be having 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 everyone is as excited as I am about kicking off the new 4-H year! Thanks for reading!

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## 4-H is Amazing Campaign!!!

BRAND NEW 4-H Days are the perfect experience for new 4-H members and families or experienced members and families that want to be more involved! These days will be scheduled as time allows and will provide a glimpse of all the GREAT things that are happening

in Webb county with 4-H!

“4-H is Amazing” days will be mini-expos of the 4-H Clubs in Webb County showcasing their hard work and current projects. There will be games and fun to be shared by everyone that attends! They will usually be

held on a Saturday or Sunday Afternoon as scheduling allows. Please look for these fun events as the year progresses!





Hats off to the best program around!

*“Webb County will serve as a groundbreaker into unknown territories.”*

Part One of the empHasis project is to say **THANK YOU** to the community that supports us...

## Meet the Agent...Christine Sanchez

Hello Again! I am so glad to meet you! I am the new 4-H agent for Webb county... I know this is a little different from what you're used to but I'll try to fill you in.

I was born and raised in Del Rio, Texas where I started in the 4-H program in the 6th grade after reading a book I found called "County Fair." My first project was the Dog Project where I found a love for 4-H. I worked hard and eventually became a teen leader teaching my own class

of 4-Hers. I also became involved with the clothing and textiles project, designing and making my own prom dresses. I then picked up the shooting sports and meat goat projects. I completed record books and received scholarships for my 4-H efforts. I was also awarded my Gold Star at the end of my 4-H career. I went to college at Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK) where I studied to be an agriculture teacher although I dreamed of becoming a 4-H agent. During

college, I did an internship with the Extension service which eventually led me to this position, working with each of you!

Whew! That was a lot to cover really quickly but that gives you a little idea of who I am and why I am doing what I am doing. I love 4-H and can't WAIT to meet each of you!

There will be a Meet the 4-H Agent Game Day in October! Hope to see you there!

## New 4-H Year, New Opportunities

With the start of the new 4-H year, come many new opportunities. We have decided to offer a new project to this area. The first ever Dog Project!

Webb County will serve as a groundbreaker into unknown territories. District 12 has not had a 4-H Dog Project active before and we will be building the foundation for that project as a training group for the district.

We will be putting together a demonstration team that will

travel to four locations to demonstrate the ins and outs of the dog project. The project will conclude with a 4-H County Dog Show in May after all participants complete their project.

Also new this year, we will be starting a project called "The empHasis." Stressing each of the 4 "H"s of the 4-H program:

- Head-Clearer Thinking
- Heart-Greater Loyalty
- Hands-Larger Service
- Health-Better Living

One project will be taken on by Webb County for each H:

- Head: Open BAR
  - Heart: Armed Forces Appreciation
  - Hands: one day 4-H
  - Health: Get Active 4-H Style!
- Please come be a part of The empHasis!
- ~All other projects will still be active! We're just adding two more...~

## The empHasis Project...

So as the first part of the empHasis project, we will focusing on the community that surrounds us. By giving back to those around us, we make a difference that can live on past the moment. Our Hands project does just that. By participating in a state wide effort called

one day 4-H, Webb County 4-H can say thank you to the community that continues to support the 4-H effort. Webb County 4-H Council invites you to take part in one of the five projects that we are using to make a difference. We are collecting non-perishable

foods, stuffed animals, lightly used clothing, and pet supplies to donate to various organizations around town. We are also doing an "active" project during which we will be picking up trash at a park and making a difference.

# 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.

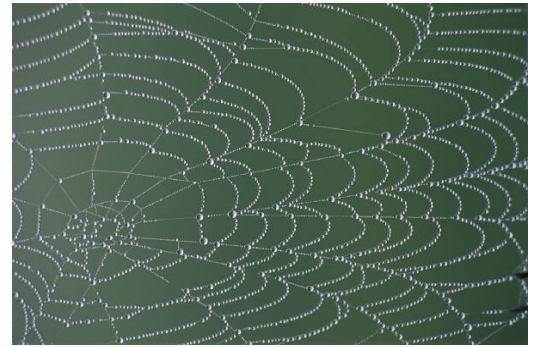
**“There are many parts of a spider web that makes it functional, just like our 4-H program.”**

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 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.

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.

# Bangora Brush Country Cactus Country

Bangora 4-H focuses on community service. They collect and donate school supplies to Sacred Heart, collect blankets and other needed articles. During Christmas time they collect presents for the lesser fortunate children and blankets for the animal shelter.

We work on LIFE projects and compete with other 4-H contests like photography, fashion show, and food show.

Bangora 4-H is always looking for more people that want to get involved, so feel free to check us out! Call the Extension Office and ask about Bangora 4-H!

Brush Country 4-H invites you to check us out! Our next meeting is just a few weeks away, Oct. 16th! We are currently starting our food and nutrition project. We also invite you to a Holiday Jamaica that we are planning for later this year. We'll keep you updated with information as it gets closer. We are very excited about ALL of our new members and are taking an active role in the projects Webb County 4-H Council is planning. We are excited about the new 4-H year and have many great ideas in planning. Come visit us if you can and see what a difference Brush Country 4-H is making!

Howdy! On September 1st we started the Cactus Country 4-H Club under the direction of Alfonso Blanco and Emy Blanco as Club Managers. To all the returning members, we say welcome back, and to all the new members, welcome to 4-H! We hope that all our members will have a year full of rewarding opportunities and experiences. Club Officers for 2010-2011 are President: Gabriela G. Blanco, Vice President: Alexa Villagomez, Secretary: Alejandra Herrera, Treasurer: Alfonso Blanco III, Parliamentarian: Jonathan D. Ferrone, Reporter: Ashley Herrera, Photographer, Vanessa Luera. We have 15 active members and 18 Clovers. The Club's main interests are: LIFE Projects, Shooting Sports and Community Service Projects. Once again, welcome to another great 4-H year and good luck to all our 4-H families!

# Comanche El Cielo Del Norte

The Comanche 4-H Club is made up of Clover's on up to Senior 4-H members. We participate in Community Service, Leadership, Livestock, Bake Off, Shooting Sports, and Record book projects, just to name a few. We meet at least once a month to discuss important club matters, upcoming events and to have fun while striving "To Make the Best Better". Members recently participated in a Benefit Golf Tourney held for the families affected by the flood this past July. Our President Melly Lopez along with the 2010-2011 club officers invite you to follow our club stories, activities and pics on MySpace and Facebook! Club Managed by Isabel & Omar Garza

THE SKY IS THE LIMIT!!!  
Hello my name is Saul Garza Jr. I am the reporter for El Cielo 4-H Club. In our club we participate in several 4-H activities which include livestock projects. Through out the year some 4-Hers who are willing to participate in out town prospect shows travel to compete in several surrounding counties. With these tremendous show opportunities there comes the responsibility for each exhibitor to learn and demonstrate high standards in the feeding and caring for their livestock projects and in personal character. We encourage other 4-H members, families, and the community as we embark on an amazing 2010-2011 year to visit or join our 4-H club.

Del Norte 4-H is a club that has several different active projects. Many of their members raise livestock projects for the LIFE fair held in February. The 4-Hers learn many skills that will prove useful as time progresses and the members move forward in life. Del Norte builds character and teaches leadership skills to their 4-H members encouraging them to help one another with their projects and become teachers as well as learners. They do community service projects throughout the year as well to give back to the community that surrounds the members.

# Lone Star Los Amigos Los Vaqueros

The Lone Star 4-H Club is excited about beginning the 2010-11 4-H year with Catherine Asmussen as president and the other 13 newly elected officers. Lone Star has an active membership of approximately 70 and meets once a month at United Day School. The club prides itself in its monthly community service projects such as the Child Protective Services Diaper Drive, sponsoring 3 families with the South Texas Food Bank, Christmas Toy Drive for families with CPS, volunteering at WBCA activities, and providing petting zoos for the community's enjoyment.

Check out our club's activities on our Facebook page, "Lone Star 4H".

Los Amigos 4-H is a great group of club members and volunteers. We work on a little of everything. We are just starting in the planning stages of starting a gardening/horticulture project soon in addition to the livestock and other projects that are already active and going strong in the club. Club Officers are full of excitement as they look at the new year and all the activities that are available. Los Amigos 4-H plans to attend the San Antonio Spurs 4-H Event to represent Webb county at a state wide fun function. Feel free to come to one of our meetings for more information!

LOS VAQUEROS 4-H CLUB has accumulated over 30 members. We are proud to say that we are 2010 HEARDSMANSHIP OVERALL AWARD winner AT L.I.F.E. FAIR and also received the Heardsmanship Award for RABBITS AND SWINE. We gather once a month on a Sunday at the County Extension Office to have our monthly meetings. At our meetings, we talk about current events, have fun and do learning activities. Our activities include cooking, building teamwork, and family togetherness. We are currently working on a fundraiser to be held in January 2010. Also our biggest achievement will be participating during the ONE DAY 4-H @ El Cenizo, TX 1ST ANNUAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WALK, where we will be handing out water bottles to those walking and taking care of kids with face painting and fun games. If any one is interested in checking out one of our club meetings you can reach Priscilla J. Suarez @ 285-7755 Club Co-Manager.

# Lucky Clover Mesquite Rangers Mustang

Lucky Clover 4-H Club is excited to plan this year's events. Projects for this year are to continue doing community service by donating blankets and other necessities to local shelters and also helping out at the March of Dimes. Lucky Clover 4-H tries to get our members involved in the community as much as possible so they could mature into positive role models. Lucky Clover 4-H Club meets on the second Monday or Wednesday of the month at the homes of our leaders. Every meeting has some fun activity that teaches us something new and exciting!

Mesquite Rangers 4-H has been active throughout the summer months by competing in different area shooting competitions. Mesquite Rangers also compete with their recordbooks, livestock projects and in other areas. They look forward to year full of activities as their main community service projects will include visiting the elderly at Regent Care Center, veterans at the VA clinic and sending treat bags and letters to soldiers. Members were recognized at the Veteran's Administration Clinic for all the past years of remembering our veterans. Mesquite Rangers 4-H is planning a camping trip to Braunig Lake in San Antonio as well as to attend the Spurs game honoring the 4-H members on Nov. 6.

Mustang 4-H focuses mainly on livestock. We have a full year of planned lessons and activities to help our members learn more about livestock. We have several guest speakers lined up and plan on doing some fundraising to take field trips to major livestock shows in the upcoming year. Our club has lots of fun working together and learning together. We meet afterschool in the Agriculture classrooms at Nixon High School with our club managers, Reynaldo Garza and Acencio Lopez. Feel free to check out our club's exhibits at the LIFE Fair in the spring!

# Shooting Sports Stallions Teamwork

Busting Clay Targets!! That's what our club is about!! Learn to shoot Trap, Skeet, 5-Stand, and Sporting Clays!! We currently practice tentatively on Tuesdays from 6-8 pm at the South Texas Shooting Complex located 9 mi outside loop 20 on Highway 359. Our Club meetings are the first Wednesday or Thursday of the month depending on activities. Mandatory training course to be held in October. No fees to join or for training. Competitions with other Counties begin in March. We will represent Webb County in as many events as possible. For more information contact Vidal Cantu, Club Manager 956-237-1775 or email [webb4hss@gmail.com](mailto:webb4hss@gmail.com) Send me your email to get club info, practice schedules and meeting information.

Stallions 4-H is a dynamic groups that has a little bit of everything. Come check out the great members and projects that makes this club as great as it is. Stallions 4-H represents Webb County at LIFE with many live-stock projects and by participating in county wide efforts. Stallions 4-H Club Officers look forward to a new year of learning and participation in the events around the county. Feel free to check out our club as we get started this year.

Role call at Teamwork 4-H is underway and with elections finalized, the club will look to Club President Hannah for leadership in the upcoming months as it endeavors to serve God first above all things in the implementation of the 4-H Motto and Pledge. It is with great enthusiasm that the club embarks on a new year of projects as many members have already begun raising animals. Others are getting their project underway with pen preparation, outlining of feeding schedules, and meeting the general health needs of the animal of choice. Whether it be steer or rabbit, Teamwork members live up to their name by cooperatively working with one another as the opportunity and need arises.

# United South County Council Webb at large

One may ask, "Who are the United South 4-Hers?" Well, we are a simple club who treats one another as a brother or sister. No one is just a number in this club, and everyone comes to learn something new. Our family is bound on unity, leadership, and fun. We meet every 2nd Thursday at United South Middle School (Los Presidentes Ave.) or the Laredo Country Store (On Loop 20; next to Dominos). We are participating with the following: Food Show/ Food Challenge, fashion show, photography, sewing/canning and livestock. We LOVE to try new things so this year we plan on participating with record books, shooting sports, dog show, service projects, and the many activities council has in store. Anybody interested in joining our family can contact our club manager, Mr. Gribble (956-236-9262) or our Vice President, Margaret Medellin (956-744-7736). We hope to hear from you very soon!

The Webb County 4-H Youth Council has recently elected new officers in July. With new officers, new ideas have come to the table, and we have a crazy exciting year ahead of us. We already have some big projects planned that will involve everyone and we need participation from every club. Come to our monthly meetings to see how fun 4-H can be and to see how the council operates. We need your opinion and voice to succeed as a county. We meet the Second Tuesday of every month right next to the Extension office located at 7209 E. Saunders Street across from LIFE Downs.

Kicking off the new 4-H year has been a busy process as we have been planning many new events. It looks like a promising year full of fun, leaning, exploring, and making friends. We invite you to check out Webb County's 4-H program and join in on all the fun! You may just make a new friend or learn something great!

# Tradition is a good thing!

All of our 4-H clubs consists of active members and volunteers that care about the outcome of this program, if it's making sale with a livestock project, moving to a district competition, just learning something new that's fun and worthwhile, or lending a helping hand to someone that needs a lift. 4-H has been around for a long time touching many, many lives.

I have told you about two new projects we are introducing this year but let me back up and fill you in on what's been going on

with 4-H in Webb County for a while now. Active 4-H Projects include:

- Beef
- Swine
- Sheep
- Goat
- Rabbit
- Poultry
- Food and Nutrition
- Clothing and Textiles
- Photography

- Shooting Sports (Although we're adding a new discipline so we'll have rifle AND Shotgun)
- Leadership
- Public Speaking
- Record book
- Horse

All of these are just the surface of what's available in 4-H! All it takes is a few interested 4-H members and a willing volunteer to get a new project started!

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## Well... You've read it, now DO it!

As with any program, 4-H survives by having people join the program. We invite you to check out the program, join a club, do a project, volunteer for an activity, support the program through spreading the word or making a donation, or whatever you're up for doing. If you're willing, we can find the perfect place for you.

4-H supports ACTIVE learning. Our creed is "Learn by Doing" and our motto is

"To make the Best Better," both of these take time, and effort put forth by our members, volunteers and supporters. 4-H is designed to make a difference. Our 4-H pledge supports these efforts:

**I pledge**

**my Head to clearer thinking,**  
**my Heart to greater loyalty,**  
**my Hands to larger service,**  
**and my Health to better living**  
**for my club, my community,**  
**my county, and my world.**

So, in short, if you like what you've read, act on it! We invite you to talk to a 4-H member, call the Extension office, attend a club meeting, check out a 4-H project, see how you can become involved today!

**"4-H is designed to make a difference."**



## Clover 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. Look here for upcoming Clover Kid activities and events that may interest our future 4-H members. We will be planning game days and Clover Kid focused activities as

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



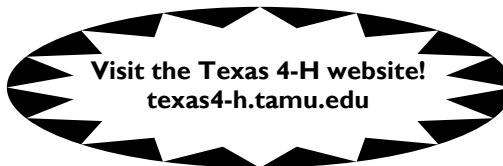
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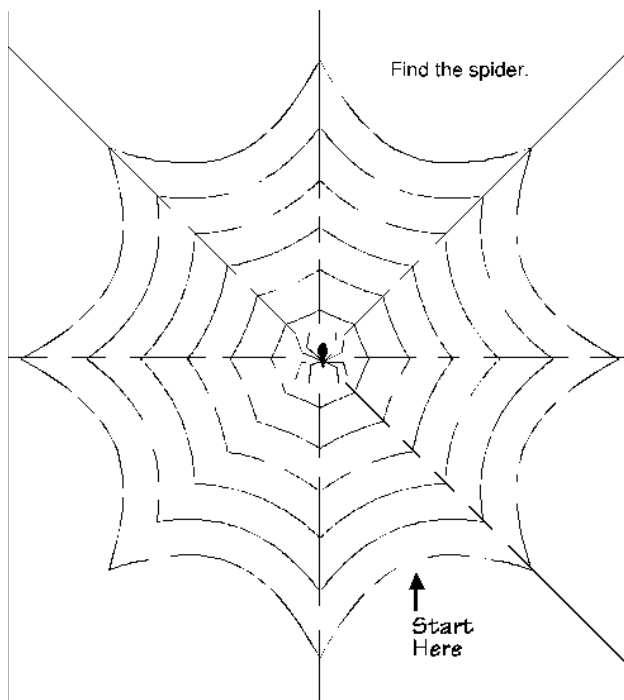
Texas 4-H offers a **TON** of opportunities for today's communities. We invite you to come check out our local program and learn what a difference our program can make in your life. Young or old, we have a place and a need for your participation to help our program grow.

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!

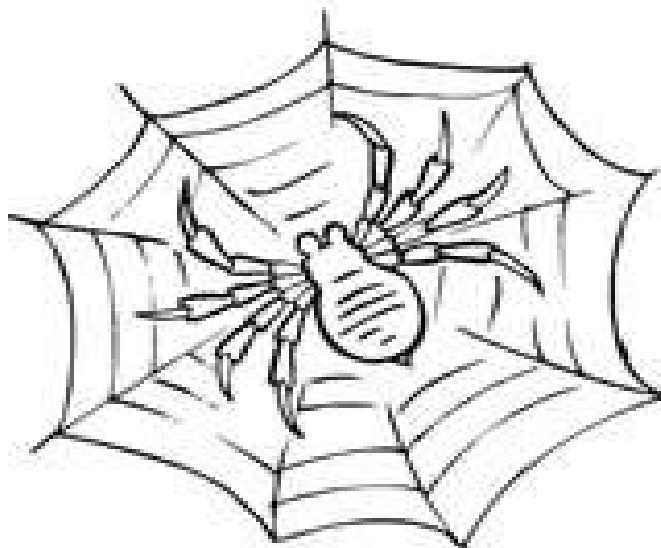


## Clover Corner

The Future of 4-H rests on the younger sibling, friends, and members of the community so we can't leave them out of the Webb! This portion is designed with these young people in mind...



**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_



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