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Hello everyone! First off, I hope that everything is going well in your home counties. The new 4-H year has started and we are all hard at it. Along with a new 4-H year, we are also seeing changes made in the current AgriLife Extension administration. Dr. Bonnie McGee has assumed the position of Associate Director for 4-H, Youth Development, and Human Sciences; Dr. Chris Boleman has assumed the role of 4-H and Youth Program Director. With the new faces and changes, this year will prove to be an exciting one. Change can be very good! As an association, we have an opportunity to demonstrate to a new group of leaders the great things that 4-H and youth professionals are doing. With our new administrative team, we also have a new slate of officers for TAE4-HA. As officers, we are dedicated to serving our membership and moving us ahead in a positive manner throughout the next year.

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The 2008 Professional Development Summit will be held November 4-6 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood, TX. The Summit, which is held every other year, is a great chance to participate in professional development in the 4-H program and to network with other 4-H professionals. The keynote speaker for this year will be Gary Ryan Blair, “The Goals Guy.” There will be pre-conference workshops offered starting Monday, November 3rd, and participants may select one workshop to participate in. There is a variety of concurrent sessions offered that were selected based upon feedback from County Extension Agents. There will also be five idea sharing sessions throughout the Summit. When you register you can indicate which idea sharing sessions you want to participate in. Everyone is encouraged to share an idea in at least one session, but may share in all five. Each time you share an idea your name will be entered in a drawing for gift cards.

Registration will open on October 1st via 4-H Connect and will close October 17th. There is a $25 registration fee which covers your meals and lodging during the event. The only additional expense will be travel and meals while en route to and from the Summit. There will be lodging available in the Leadership Lodge on a first come first served basis. For a complete agenda or more details contact your Regional Program Director.
The Animal Industries Committee is represented by two TAE4-HA representatives, which include Andy Hart and Billy Zanolini. The next state meeting will be held in Austin during November 4-5. Andy Hart did attend a teleconference with the reps from all the districts for TCAAA during the month of November to discuss the pilot program of validating Jr. Breeding Sheep. This is something that the major stock shows are looking into and would like to enforce in the near future. The discussion from the call was that we probably needed to agree to participate in the program so it was enforced by Texas AgriLife Extension and not a sheep organization. The subject will be discussed with the Animal Industry Board at the meeting in November. If agreed upon Jr. Breeding Sheep would start being validated in 2010 as a pilot program.

At the state meeting in Jefferson during the month of August, all major stock show gave updates for all of the spring and fall shows. Be sure and contact Billy Zanolini or Andy Hart to let them know of any concerns for the State Fair of Texas prior to the state Animal Industries meeting in November.

As Extension agents who work extensively with youth, we are always looking for new and exciting games to use as icebreakers, to teach teamwork or just to get kids up and moving. Take a look at some of these websites to help you find the perfect game for your group. Just remember to make it age appropriate—keep it simple for younger kids and try to challenge the older ones.

**Icebreakers**

These are games to get everyone in the group to mingle and get acquainted with each other and are mostly used at the beginning of a meeting.

- [http://www.funandgames.org/Games_icebreakers.html](http://www.funandgames.org/Games_icebreakers.html)
- [http://improvencyclopedia.org/categories/Icebreakers.html](http://improvencyclopedia.org/categories/Icebreakers.html)
- [http://www.4-h.uiuc.edu/staff/club/icebreakers.pdf](http://www.4-h.uiuc.edu/staff/club/icebreakers.pdf)

**Team Builders**

If you have a group of kids that you really want to teach team building skills, these games are perfect. They would be perfect for club officer trainings or county council meetings.

- [http://4h.uwex.edu/clubs/documents/TEAMBUILDING0231.pdf](http://4h.uwex.edu/clubs/documents/TEAMBUILDING0231.pdf)

**Recreation**

When you just need something to get kids up and moving or to keep them busy and having fun, use some of these games.

2008 Award Recipients
Submitted by Montza Williams, RPD East Region, Member Recognition Committee

**Service Awards**

**Distinguished Service**
Karen Tellman
Sarah Womble
Barbie Wymore

**25 Years of Service**
Marilyn Prause

**Achievement in Service**
Cory Talley
Dawn Watson

**Golden Clover**
Micah Holcombe

**Stiles Memorial Scholarship**
Charla Bading

**Specialty Awards**

**Educational Technology - Individual**
Richard Parrish

**Excellence in 4-H Club Support - Individual**
Cindy Bryant

**Excellence in 4-H Club Support - Team**
Julie Smith, Amber Parkinson
Ronda Alexander, Calley Runnels,
Amy Baugh, Mandi Seaton,
Shirley Sears, Andy Hart, Nancy
McDonald and Kylinda McCurry

**Excellence in Teamwork**
Tommy Phillips and Derrick Bruton

**Excellence in Camping - Team**
Erica Evans, Jon Gersbach,
Edward Schneider, Amber Moore,
Pasquale Swaran, Tommy Neyland,
Wendy Neyland and Shane McLellan

**Excellence in Natural Resources and Environmental Education**
Jeannette Milstead

**Excellence in Teen Programming Award**
Laura Petty

**4-H Innovator’s Award**
Micah Holcombe

**Communicator Awards**

**Communicator Award for Educational Package - Individual**
Ronda Alexander

**Communicator Award for Educational Package - Team**
Sarah Womble, Sarah Brandes
and Deanna Alvarez

**Communicator Award for Educational Piece - Individual**
Ronda Alexander

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Sarah Womble, Sarah Brandes
and Deanna Alvarez

**Communicator Award for Exhibition**
Cheryl Newberry, Charla Bading, Matt
Tarpley, Kodie Hoover, Garry Brant
ham, Lynne Anne Duniven, Sarah Strib
ling, Richard Parrish,
and Officer Teams of D6, D7, D10

**Communicator Award for Feature Story**
Rusty Hohlt

**Communicator Award for Media Presentation**
Richard Parrish

**Communicator Award for Periodic Publication - Individual**
Cheryl Newberry

**Communicator Award for Periodic Publication - Team**
Karen Tellman, Kenny Brdecko,
and Joannie Adams

**Communicator Award for Personal Column**
Kelli Lehman

**Communicator Award for Promotional Piece - Individual**
Laura Petty

**Communicator Award for Promotional Package - Individual**
Ronda Alexander

**Communicator Award for Promotional Package - Team**
Rusty Hohlt, Donnie Montemayor, and
Mary Scott Draper

**Communicator Award for Promotional Piece - Individual**
Laura Petty

**Communicator Award for Promotional Piece - Team**
Sarah Womble, Sarah Brandes
and Deanna Alvarez

**Communicator Award for Published Photo**
Karen Tellman

**Communicator Award for Video Program**
Karla Friesenhahn and Natalie Pogue

★ National Winner
☆ Southern Region Winner

“Never let the competition define you. Instead, you have to define yourself based on a point of view you care deeply about.”

–Tom Chappel
Spotlight on Quality 4-H Programs

Totally Tuesday - Get the 4-H Fever

By Kristen Greer, CEA 4-H Anderson County

Anderson County 4-H Agent, Kristen Greer worked with FCS Agent, Holly Black and Ag Agent Mark Price to create an all day workshop for 4-Hers to learn about various projects offered in the county. 32 4-Hers attended the retro themed workshop that included five project areas—Food & Nutrition, Clothing & Textiles, Horticulture, Photography and Recreation. Participants learned about healthy snacks while experimenting with a chocolate fondue fountain and custom designed t-shirts with fabric spray paint while leaning about various fabric characteristics. With today’s emphasis on being green, the kids learned about eco-friendly gardening and how to make newspaper planters, then got to plant sunflowers. A professional photographer volunteered time to teach the 4-Hers about the art of photography and the kids stayed busy with plenty of recreation and team building activities. Each participant ended the day with a goodie bag full of groovy prizes, information on 4-H projects and new friends from clubs all over the county.

Bell and Milam County 4-H Collect Buckets of Cleaning Supplies for Hurricane Ike Victims

Submitted by: Micah Holcombe, CEA 4-H Bell, Erica Evans, CEA 4-H Milam, Jon Gersbach, CEA-AG Milam, and Cheryl Walker, CEA-FCS Milam

The Texas 4-H Council sent out a state-wide request for all County 4-H programs to participate in a collection of cleaning supplies to be distributed to those affected by Hurricane Ike. The Bell County 4-H coordinated with Milam County to collect supplies from a list of items supplied by EDEN, to put together for the hurricane victims.

200 - five gallon buckets were donated by the Temple Bottling Company; 177 buckets were filled with cleaning supplies such as bleach, trash bags, gloves, masks, and a variety of other cleaning supplies, valued at $3,540. Collaboration was made with the Salvation Army to transport the buckets to the coast.
**Ways & Means Update** Submitted by Cory Talley, CEA-4-H Travis Co., Treasurer

"The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual."
~~ Vince Lombardi

**2008-2009 Change**

A district dues fee was implemented for the 2007-2008 year and each district did submit their fee. For the 2008-2009 year, it was voted on and approved at the State Conference to increase the district dues from $50.00 to $100.00. While this is a significant change, the committee hopes that each district will be able to commit to this amount so that TAE4-HA will have a “balanced budget” which was voted on and passed a couple of years ago.

Some of you may be wondering what in the world is the Ways and Means Committee. This is a committee that works to achieve the following:
- Review the current budget and make recommendations toward a balanced budget
- Evaluate monies in reserves to determine best use for maximum benefits
- Develop strategies for fund raising efforts to support a balanced budget

Work with Donor Development Special Committee to identify, recruit, and secure donors to support a balanced budget

The best way to have a true understanding of TAE4-HA and all that is involved with our great organization is for you to get involved yourself. Talk with the chairman of each committee and find one that works for you. The Ways and Means Committee would love to have some help when working to achieve a balanced budget. If you are interested in this committee please contact me at cmtalley@ag.tamu.edu

**Membership Update** Submitted by Kim Miles, CEA-FCS Comanche Co., VP

What a great year for TAE4-HA! Our membership enjoyed a fabulous state conference in beautiful Jefferson, Texas. Thank you to District 5 for hosting. Membership has seen an increase from last year. We have a total of 249 members with the breakdown as follows:

- New Members - 47
- Renewals - 164
- Existing Life - 36
- New Life - 2

Congratulations to District 5 for having the most increase in membership from last year. D-5 had 15 members in 2007 and 22 in 2008. District 9 wins the title for “most members” with a total of 38.

This year is winding down and it is time to fill out new membership forms for 2009. Dues are $45 for new members and $90 for renewals. Membership forms and district summary forms have been sent to all TAE4-HA district directors, so be sure to make contact with your director regarding any district dues and due dates. The membership form is also posted on the TAE4-HA website. Please share the benefits of joining TAE4-HA with your co-workers who may not be members. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 325-356-2539 or kamiles@ag.tamu.edu.
• Motivate the Individual – Nothing is more personal
• Win Respect; Affection May Follow – Respect motivates. Win respect first
• Motivate by Inches – Better to begin with small victories than small frustrations
• Go Where the Wisdom Is – People want to help you and the organization succeed. It motivates them.

These simple things we can use in our everyday programming efforts. After all, we are in the business of motivation. We are teaching life skills to our youth by motivating them to participate in our program.

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• Favorite Food – Louie Mueller BBQ in Taylor, TX
• Favorite Hobby – Bird Hunting (Ducks and Dove)
• Favorite Movie – Big Jake
• Favorite Actor – John Wayne
• People I look up to: John Wayne, Vince Lombardi

As we begin working with our clientele through the next 4-H year, I would like to share Vince Lombardi’s steps to “Motivating the Team to Extraordinary Performance.” These simple steps really ring true to our profession as Extension educators.

• Offer People Meaning – If you don’t, someone else will
• Motivate the Group – Find ways to move people en masse
• Counter Expectations – Sometimes the least expected motivational device is the best

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District 8 TAE4-HA Fundraiser

FOR SALE: $25 Chance Drawing Ticket for a NEW 64 HP John Deere Tractor with a John Deere Front End Loader, Frontier 6 foot Box Blade, Frontier 6 foot Shredder, and a Greenline Post Hole Digger with 9IN auger bit. The tractor and the implements come on a 20 foot 5200 lb axle trailer with ramps. Sales will benefit District 8 TAE4-HA scholarships for 4-H members in the district and the 2012 TAE4-HA Conference. Tickets can be purchased from Sarah Chudalla, McLennan County Agent. You can send a check to the McLennan County Office Attention: Sarah and a ticket will be filled out with your name and contact information. The ticket will then be scanned and emailed to you to serve as receipt that your name was put on the ticket. For inquiries or a detailed flyer call 254-757-5180 or sechudalla@ag.tamu.edu

We need 4-H programs that you are proud of in your county or district! Please write them down and submit them to the Pipeline Editor and we will spotlight them in the next pipeline! This is a great way to share programs or just brag about your awesome programs! We would also like District TAE4-HA Program Highlights!

All articles can be submitted to Micah Holcombe, Pipeline Editor, at mlkarber@ag.tamu.edu

Spotlight your 4-H programs!
Member Spotlight
Submitted by: Tracie Jackson, CEA 4-H Wood Co., Pipeline Committee

Jamie Sugg – CEA 4-H – Rusk County

Where were you born?
Austin, Texas

How long have you worked for extension?
6 1/2 years

Tell us about your family.
Wife: Regina, Daughter: Ashleigh age 7, Son: Turner age 4

What is in your CD player right now?
Don't have a CD player, but if I did it would be country and it would be old.

What's the last movie you saw?
Can't remember, I'm sure some Disney animated movie

What's the last book you read?
The Raiders by Elmer Kelton

Dancing with the Stars or American Idol?
Neither, Everybody Loves Raymond

As a child about how many red lights were in your hometown?
5

If you could be a super hero what kind of powers would you have?
Be invisible

What was your favorite vacation or trip?
Kentucky horse farms

What is the first thing you do when you get to work?
Check my e-mail

What would you like to learn to do?
Speak Spanish fluently

How many days a month do you wear your green shirt?
2

Derrick Bruton – 4-H Specialist – District 4/5

Where were you born?
Garland, TX

How long have you worked for extension?
8+ years

Tell us about your family.
I've been married to my wonderful wife Gina for sixteen long (ha ha!) years. We have two great boys, Kale and Reid. Kale is our intellect, and Reid is our future sports star. I wonder which one will make enough money for me to retire early?

What is in your CD player right now?
CD player? That's so 90's! My latest MP3 download is Kid Rock's "All Summer Long".

What's the last movie you saw?
The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (I give it 2 stars out of 4 in case you were wondering)

What's the last book you read?
I don't have the time or desire to read. If I had the choice, I'd rather be fishing!

Dancing with the Stars or American Idol?
Dancing with the Stars. My prediction is Misty May-Treanor.

As a child about how many red lights were in your hometown?
Exactly one blinking 4-way stop light.

If you could be a super hero what kind of powers would you have?
Flying would be cool....that way I can save that $15 airline luggage charge!!

What was your favorite vacation or trip?
I love my snow skiing trips that I take with my family every other Christmas, but I also really enjoyed my recent trip to Washington D.C. to meet President Bush.

What is the first thing you do when you get to work?
Fire up the computer and check e-mail.

What are you proud to say you have done?
I have been a good dad/role model to my kids, made a lifelong commitment to my wife, and have worked hard for them and for the citizens of Texas.

How many days a month do you wear your green shirt?
Unlike Ryan Merrel (Angelina Co.), I wear my new green 4-H golf shirt as often as possible.....about 4 times a month. (That's an inside joke with D5 members...ask us sometime for details)
Have you bought your clothing with the above logo to support the PR&I Committee?? If not, go to the website to get the order form logo to support the PR&I Committee!!

http://tae4ha.tamu.edu/forms.htm
Texas 4-H Youth Development
Shirt Order Form
sponsored by: TAE4-HA Public Relations Committee

Name: ____________________________ District: ________
County: ___________________________ Address: ___________________________
City: ____________________________ Zip Code: ____________

Polo Shirt $25
Mens XS - 6XL and Womens XS - Plus 2X

Button-Up Dress Shirt $27
Mens XS - 6XL and Womens XS - Plus 2X
Long or Short Sleeve Available
Mens sizes run a size smaller than Cinch Brand Clothing

Windshirt $30
Adults XS - 6XL

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Make checks payable to TAE4-HA
Mail orders to: Cory Talley
1600 B Smith Road
Austin, TX 78721

Thank you for your support of TAE4-HA. All funds will be used to promote the organization and the benefits of becoming a member.