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# DENTON COUNTY 4-H FORECAST

## Keeping Up in 2004

March 1

### Q&P DCLA Press Conf.

Extension Conf Rm 7:00 pm  
 Ambassador Meeting 6:30 pm  
 4H Council 7:00 pm  
 Adult Leaders & Club Mgr 7 pm

March 30 - April 4

DCLA Youth Fair

July 7-9

4-H County Camp, Brownwood

July 12-16

L.E.A.P. Outdoor Adventure

July 21-24

Prime Time 1 & 2, Brownwood

July 26-31

SpecTra, Brownwood

## HORSE SHOWS

Sunday, April 18th at  
 the Smith Bros Arena.

### County Horse Show

June 16-17

District Horse Show

Location: ATHENS

July 26-30

State Horse Show

## STOCK SHOW DATES

Houston Stock Show -  
 Feb 25 - March 16, 2004  
[www.rodeohouston.com](http://www.rodeohouston.com)

## Schwind Shines in Grecian Summer

Blazing trails and making tracks: Meghan Schwind is ready to follow the yellow brick road right into Greece. She has been selected from a huge field of applicants to represent Denton County and the State of Texas on this fantastic trip.

Meghan has graciously provided the following perceptive for our readers:

The reason I wanted to go on this trip was because I wanted to



know about a country and its culture that most people hardly think of. On the

trip I hope I get to gain more understanding of the world's diversity, and to help open the doors to the Greek/Texas Exchange. I feel really honored to be one of the four selected among so many applicants! It's truly a lifetime opportunity, and although I'm a little scared about everything right now, I'm of course really excited, and I'd never give this chance up! I've



been working on the International Division of Citizenship as my main project for about two years now. The only thing is that I've been focusing mostly on Latin America and Japan, and their languages and cultures. I jumped at the opportunity to go to Greece because it's completely different from what



I've been used to. I've also been fascinated with

languages, so it gives me an opportunity to learn about a language totally different from Spanish or Portuguese. I really feel lucky to be able to go on this trip, and I can't wait until this summer!

This trip offers a tremendous learning experience and we are all anxiously waiting for Meghan to come back and tell us what she has learned and to discuss the highlights of the trip--of which we are sure there will be many. We all wish you

*arrivederci -- adieu --  
 au revoir -- adios --*

## KODAK MOMENTS

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program is soliciting photos of "Texas 4-Her's in Action" for the 2004 Texas 4-H Roundup Awards Ceremonies each night. These photos will be used in numerous power point presentations throughout Texas 4-H Roundup.



### 1. The guidelines for submitting photos are:

1. Photos will only be accepted in a digital jpg format.
2. Photos must be of 4-H'ers working in a 4-H project area, including community service leadership.
3. Photos must be of good to outstanding quality, prefer resolution of at least 72 dpi to 300 dpi.
4. Texas 4-H is looking for all types of photos. Ones that include diversity, urban/rural, projects of all levels, and pictures from all ages of 4-H members 9-19.
5. Photos that show caring, appreciation, respect, teaching, and learning are highly desired.
6. Photos may include pictures of adults serving in a volunteer role.
7. Photos will not be judged or awarded any recognition for this program. These photos will be used as power point backgrounds as a way to recognize the winners, donors,

and participants of the 2004 Texas 4-H Roundup.

### HOW DO YOU SUBMIT PHOTOS?:

All photos must be submitted by **May 1, 2004** to the following email address:  
[4hevents@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:4hevents@ag.tamu.edu)

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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- reducing substance abuse and underage drinking in youth
- minimizing bullying and fighting involving youth
- reducing family conflict (including spousal abuse)
- improving school and homework compliance
- developing better nutrition habits



*From the Desk of  
Lexie McGrane, MS*



**S**leep Over Kit  
Inside a floral-print shoe-box, put pajamas, a toothbrush, toothpaste, a hairbrush, a mirror and comb set, baby powder and shampoo.

This aunt's motto: Always be prepared. I was delighted when my soon-to-be-five-year-old niece, Madison, said she wanted to spend the night at my house, so I gave her a sleep-over kit for her birthday. Which is described above. She loved it. We keep it in a special place in my closet, and when she comes to visit it is the first thing she looks for. Sometimes she finds new pajamas, glitter gel, or a flavored lip gloss inside. It is nice for her mom too, since she can send Madison to stay with me on short notice--no packing involved.

## Clover Craft

"Dolled-Up Double  
**Create a portrait playmate** - One

rainy afternoon, my six-year old daughter, Jordan, and I created a fun activity. First, I traced Jordan's body onto paper. Then we gave the twin yarn hair, a pom-pom nose, and clothing cut from fabric scraps. We put the makeup and nail polish on her and made her a beaded necklace. We then glued her on to a piece of cardboard. Jordan had a great time, and she loves to show off her twin.





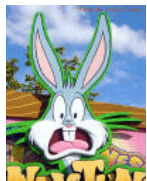
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**Attention all  
You Wabbits**

**The DCLA  
Market**

**Rabbit Tag-In**

has been moved back a week to Saturday, March 6, from 9-11 a.m. at Fair Hall. Rabbits will be 5 weeks old at that time ~ they should be stronger and ears will be longer for tattooing

Please pass the word on to anyone you might know who will be in this show.

**Texas 4-H Swine  
Master Volunteer  
Training -**

The training will be held on May 21-23, 2004 at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Early registration is \$100 postmarked by May 1st. Late registration (May 3rd-12th postmark) is \$125.

The purpose of the program is for swine project leaders to receive advanced technical methodology and subject matter training. They in turn teach 4-H swine project members and volunteers in their county, provide support to 4-H members and give leadership to learning opportunities for members, parents and volunteers in their county to enhance the total 4-H swine project. Our goal is to train 50-100 volunteers.

Questions can be directed to the Swine Project Team Coordinators Dr. Bob Robinson 806-677-5600 or Angela Burkham 972-952-9229.



**Eligibility forms are  
due in the 4H office one  
week prior to the event.**

**Scholarship**

**The Denton County  
Extension Horse Committee**

of the Texas Cooperative Extension has established an annual \$250 scholarship to recognize deserving



seniors who intend to **pursue college work in a field related to or supporting the horse industry.**

Applications must be received by April 1, 2004. If you would like to be considered for this scholarship, applications are available in the 4-H office upon request.

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**Erlene Johnson, Editor**  
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**Return this form to the 4-H Office - immediately after District win**

If you are the first place winner of a district contest, please send the following information to the 4-H Office. So that plans can be made to order the district jackets: **(Jackets can only be ordered once, and cannot be ordered the following year.)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contest: \_\_\_\_\_

Jacket Size: (Adult Sizes)  Small  Medium  Large  XL  XXL  XXXL

Parent or Guardian Authorization to order:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**Jackets will be presented at the 2004 Gold Star Banquet.  
There will be a cost and the X sizes will cost more.**



**Celebrating April Birthdays :**

Peter Dhooghe	Tyler Duessen	Robert Craddock	Jake Wendt
Morgan Hardage	Emili Hays	Nicholas Henderson	Anna Kleiner
Wyn Kleiner	Taylor Reneau	Andy Savard	Madelyn Schwind
Ashleigh VanDerWalt			

**TEXAS AWARDS PROGRAM CATEGORIES FOR 2003-04 – Start A 4-H Recordbook**

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|--|--|
| Aquatic Science                                      | Personal Development/Leadership <u>Open Category</u> |
| Beef   | (includes 4-H After School, Texas Building           |
| Citizenship & Civic Education                        | Character, Exploring 4H, Me, Inc.–workforce          |
| Clothing & Textiles                                  | preparation, Talking with T.J.)                      |
| Communication & Expressive Arts <u>Open Category</u> | Photography  |
| Conservation of Natural Resources                    | Plant & Soil Science                                 |
| Consumer & Family Science <u>Open Category</u>       | Plants & Animals <u>Open Category</u>                |
| (includes Financial Planning)                        | (includes AG in the Classroom, Small Animals,        |
| Consumer Education                                   | Exotic Wildlife)                                     |
| Dairy  | Poultry  |
| Energy Management                                    | Public Speaking                                      |
| Entomology   | Rabbit   |
| Environmental Sciences <u>Open Category</u>          | Range Management                                     |
| (Includes Composting and Recycling,                  | Recreation   |
| Give Water a Hand, Outdoor Education,                | Safety   |
| Three R's of Trash)                                  | Science & Technology <u>Open Category</u>            |
| Family Life  | (Includes Aerospace, Automotive, Bicycle,            |
| Food and Nutrition                                   | Biological Sciences, Computer Science, Meat          |
| Forestry   | Science, Small Engines, Wood Science)                |
| Gardening & Horticulture                             | Sheep  |
| Goat   | Shooting Sports                                      |
| Health   | Sportfishing   |
| Healthy Lifestyles <u>Open Category</u>              | Swine  |
| (includes Fire Prevention & Safety, It's Up To Me,   | Veterinary Science                                   |
| On Your Own, Pace Setters–Crime Prevention,          | Wildlife & Fisheries                                 |
| Toothfully Speaking)                                 |  |
| Horse  |  |
| Housing & Home Environment                           |  |
| Leadership   |  |

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**From the Desk of  
Michael Schertz  
CEA-4-H Youth  
Development**

**Development**

**Safety Day Camp 2004**

Denton County 4-H is planning to host a Safety Day Camp for the late summer and fall of 2004. Workshop Topics will include

- ◆ Water Safety
- ◆ Gun Safety
- ◆ Fire Safety
- ◆ Drug and Alcohol
- ◆ Animal Safety
- ◆ Exercise and Healthy Snacks
- ◆ Home Alone Accidents
- ◆ Etc

If you would like to help plan and/or organize this camp, please join me at the Denton County Extension Office on Monday, April 12, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

**Deadline Notice**

**April 12, 2004** is the deadline for entering District Roundup.

**May 1, 2004**

Spring Roundup

- Fashion Show
- Nutrition Quiz Bowl
- Consumer Decision Making
- Entomology Contest
- Horse Judging
- Livestock Judging
- Meats Judging

**May 15, 2004**

Dog Show



**Jessica Kimbro Excels in Calf Scramble**

Jessica Kimbro competed in the 2004 Ft Worth Stock Show and Rodeo Calf Scramble. She competed against other 4H members from across the state. By catching a calf, haltering it, and leading the calf to the finish line, she received a certificate to purchase a registered heifer that she can raise and show this next year.

Congratulations Jessica!

**Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes**

Honors young people ages 8 to 18 who have shown leadership and courage in public service to people and our planet. Emphasis is placed on young people who help the environment. Winners receive a \$2,000 cash award. To nominate, visit [www.barronprize.org](http://www.barronprize.org). Deadline is May 30, 2004.

Check the website to see if you qualify or if someone you know is a good candidate for this award.

**4H HORSE PROJECTS MUST BE CERTIFIED BY MAY 1, 2004 IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR DISTRICT AND STATE 4H HORSE SHOWS.**

Items Due: Project Horse Eligibility Form, Certification Form, Copy of the Horse's Registration Papers or Grade Horse Certification Form.





## Jace Beck First Stand Alone

submitted by Kent Beck

Jace continues to make progress and shows his strength and determination through his continued progress.

Earlier this month Jace was in Birmingham Alabama. He got himself put on a Rugby team competing in an international rugby tournament. This was a tournament of several international rugby teams preparing for the Olympics in Greece. He was able to play against Team USA, Japan, Germany, and New Zealand. His rag tag team was made up of players from Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Florida and Alabama. The International competition was very kind to them. He considered it a successful tournament since he ended up on the floor while playing Team USA.

He is still very involved in Para Step therapy. This is the device that helps him to walk with the help of electrodes and a walker. He has progressed to being able to "walk" on a treadmill. His therapists continue to be amazed at his progress. Our hopes are that he can get one of his own if we can get the insurance to cooperate.

Jace continues to work out at the local gym 3 times per week. He now has significant back muscles and all of his upper body and arms are getting much stronger. All of this helps him maneuver better to get in his pickup and do better in rugby.

Last week he started moving another finger on his right hand. This makes 2. Only 3 more to go. His left hand continues to work pretty well. His back muscles continue to get stronger. This is not trivial since Quadriplegics can't have back muscles. He said "It is so nice to have muscles that work." He still has no feeling below his waste except when he is exercising but we are sure this will come later.

He has completed his SAT exam and now he gets at least one letter a day from universities around the country. So far TAM still gets the nod. Maybe if one of them had a good rugby team, he could be persuaded to change.

### DCLA Change – from Angelia Bridges



Pam Womack, Committee Chairperson for **Breeding Meat Goats for the 2004 DCLA Youth Fair**, would like to issue an amendment/change in the horn rule affecting Breeding Meat Goats. On page 50 of the 2004 DCLA rule book it states that exhibitors will be required to have horns tipped on all goats prior to arrival on the grounds. Dehorning is acceptable.

Correction: Tipping or dehorning on Breeding Meat Goats is not required. Most breeds of goats are horned animals and their horns are part of their breed standards. This change will not in any way affect the horn rule for the Market Meat Goats.

Please share this change with all persons you have access to that may be affected. We are looking forward to having a great first year for the breeding goats at the DCLA Youth Fair and Rodeo. If you have any questions please feel free to contact: Pam Womack, Committee Chairperson 940-479-0466, or e-mail at ronpamwomack@aol.com or Angelia Bridges, Committee Member 940-898-1413 or e-mail at ja2bridges@aol.com

### Congratulations to the Kuehler Family

**Michael and Lisa Kuehler welcomed a new arrival to their family. Emma Grace, weighing in at almost 8 lbs., is a lovely addition to the family and everyone is thrilled.**



**Concession Stand Agenda Week of March 30 April 3, 2004**

March 30, 2004

**TUESDAY**

Clean Up

Set up

Supplies

**ALL CLUBS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SETUP and CLEAN UP -- SEND AT LEAST ONE HELPER**

**The mechanics of industry is easy. The real engine is the people : Their motivation and direction.  
--Ken Gilbert**

March 31, 2004

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 am - 9:00 am

**DENTON 4H**

9:00 am - 11:00 pm

**KRUM 4H**

11:00 AM - 1:00 pm

1:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**SILVER SADDLE**

**Clubs need to cover all the concession stand hours. Please look at your schedules.**

April 1, 2004

**THURSDAY**

7:00 am - 9:00 am

9:00 am - 11:00 am

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**BLUEBONNET 4H**

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**NORTHWEST 4H**

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**PONDER 4H**

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**SANGER 4H**

9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

April 2, 2004

**FRIDAY**

7:00 am - 9:00 am

9:00 am - 11:00 am

**KRUM 4H**

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

**KRUM 4H**

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**PONDER 4H**

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**BLUEBONNET 4H**

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**NORTHWEST 4H**

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**BLUEBONNET 4H**

April 3, 2004

**SATURDAY**

7:00 am - 9:00 am

**PILOT POINT 4H**

9:00 am - 11:00 am

**PILOT POINT 4H**

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm



*This time like all times is a very good one if we but know what to do with it  
--Ralph Waldo Emerson*