



DENTON COUNTY 4-H FORECAST

Keeping Up in 2004

June

18 – Recordbooks Due by 4pm
NO LATE BOOKS
16-17 – District Horse Show
22-24 – Extreme Leadership
Conference Dist. 4
28 – State Steer Validation
NTSF grounds
29-30 – Junior Master Angler
Workshop - Extension Office

July

2 – Gold Star Interviews
7-9 – County Camp
13 – County Council Workshop
10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Extension
Office
26-30 – State Horse Show

August

10 – Club Officer Training
10 – Banquet Rehearsal
19 – County Banquet

**Note to Club Managers
Club Officer Elections
were in May, please turn
in your list of
club officers to
the 4-H Office,
as soon as
possible.
Thank you so
much for your
help.**



Big Horn Exchange

The Sheridan County 4-H Junior Leaders from Sheridan, Wyoming, would like to invite you to "exchange" with us! We are a group of about 12, ages 13-18 with varying project interests. These youth want to visit an exotic place - like your state!

Sheridan is located at the foot of the Big Horn Mountains. Our area is filled with historic battlefields to visit including the Battle of the Little Big Horn and the Wagon Box Fight. Sites of interest include the Historic Sheridan Inn where Buffalo Bill held auditions for his wild west show, the Kendrick Mansion which was the home of the first "cattle baron" in our area, and 2 large coal mines that dig coal from the largest ribbon of coal in the country. Cody is close (about 3 hours), and would make a great day trip to see the Buffalo Bill museum and the Cody Rodeo. We would like to travel in July 2004, but would be willing to host if that works out best.

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4-H Sportfish Camp



Still a few openings for the 2004 Texas 4-H Sportfish Camp. 4-H Members that are 13 - 19 years old as of August 31, 2003 are eligible. Cost for the camp is just \$50.00 and it will be held in Burnet County at Buchanan Dam Facilities. All forms are due no later than June 1, 2004.

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Diary of Meghan Schwind – A Greek Traveler

From March 9th -- 12th my family attended the Houston Livestock Show with their rabbits. I didn't show this year, so I was able to "help" with the International Days during the time that I was there. Although I was going with the plan of helping in some form, what I received was something totally different.

Tuesday, I was taken on a private tour of the different offices by one of the committee members. After this I had an unexpected meeting with the Greek group that I was to stay with for the weekend, so I was able to go on a tour of the Livestock Show with them.

Wednesday, I was invited by the chairman of the International Committee to join them at the International Ladies' Luncheon. There I was introduced as the representative of the Youth Leadership Exchange to Greece, and I met with many different officials.

Thursday, I was hosted by the chairman of the Youth Leadership Exchange, and that evening I met with the rest of the group that would be going to Greece, and again with the group that had come from Greece.

Friday, morning the group got together to share cultures and to learn more about each other. After our little meeting



we were taken to the Alain and Marie Lentôtre Culinary Institute, where we were able to have samples and learn how the different foods were prepared. After this the group was taken to the International Hospitality Room where the Greeks danced traditional dances for all present. The Texas group was introduced to the people in the room, and afterward we were able to meet with people from Mexico, Venezuela, and Brazil. That evening the group was taken to a local Greek restaurant where the Texas group was introduced to many Greek foods. Following the dinner was a reception by the Macedonian Association of Greater Houston. Here we danced traditional Greek dances and enjoyed watching a Greek belly dancer.

Saturday morning the Texas group had a long orientation meeting while the Greeks went for some last minute shopping. Following the orientation the Texans were served brunch. Both groups attended the afternoon rodeo and watched some of the Randy Travis concert afterwards. From the rodeo the group was taken to another Greek restaurant, for pizza, and on to another Greek restaurant for dessert and more dancing.

Sunday morning the Texas group was treated to a farewell breakfast. We said goodbye to the Greek group and each were given different Greek gifts. After the goodbye's the group was split and I was taken with the two boys of the group back to the Livestock Show, and then to Hobby Airport, where we all three flew home.

I feel very privileged first to be able to spend so much time with the International Committee members, and secondly to converse with so many people from around the world. I also feel very lucky to be a part of this group that will be going to Greece in the summer. Even though we had a short time to get to know each other, we became very close with the Greek group, but also with each other in our Texas group.

I can't wait until June, not only because I'll be going to Greece, but also because I will be able to see both groups that I became good friends with.

contributed by Meghan Schwind,
4-H Feature Writer

Happy Birthday

Molly Wright
Meredith Sims



Gerald Shepherd
Samuel Perdue
Emily Nindorf
Michele Newel
Rebekah McCormick
Jacob Kuehler
Skylar Horan
Rayan Holaway
Cole Henry
Christopher Gosnell

Holly Gaston
Lauren Kuhny

Schwinds Sweep Speaking Competition

Easily taking the lead in the major speaking contests the smooth-spoken Schwinds swept past their competitors to snag first place wins in three out of five divisions.

Michael Schwind and Travis Kuehler took to the stage with only the jaw bone of a whitetail deer, which Michael casually pulled out of his pocket, and delivered fast facts relevant to management of the whitetail. Their presentation was placed first in Intermediate Teams.

Mollie Schwind dazzled the audience with her polished presentation of 4-H, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow. Her talents in creative writing, stage presence, and 4-H history were instrumental in ranking her first in Intermediate Individual Competition.

Julia McCormick earned a 2nd place ribbon for her talk on Sign Language. Julia is an accomplished speaker and delivered her talk with a calm reserve.

The Senior competition was fierce, as all competitors were accomplished and at ease in front of the panel of judges. Their talks were well developed, captivating, and informative.

Joanna Pace took first place with a presentation of "How Being In 4H Has Changed My Life".

The dynamic Mr. Ted Hatch locked down second place with "Livestock Lessons".

Coming in third was Meghan Schwind with "What's With The World."

Tia Johnson defined the "Importance of Agriculture" and came in fourth.

The Playful Junior Team composed of Madelyn Schwind and Jacob Kuehler thrilled the audience with the "Japanese Culture". This team was well rehearsed and triumphantly nailed down a well deserved 1st place. Their props, costumes, and entertaining attitude let us all toy with the spirit of Japan. Well done.

Junior Individuals were First Place Rebekah McCormick discussed her fascination with Geckos. She addressed choice, care, and identified some of the problems if you have a dog or a cat. Yum, Yum.

Second Place Gena Petty, shared her love for Barrel Racing. She did a fine job with her talk, and let us know how important this project is to her.

Third Place Callie Nicole Barnett who discussed Speed Events in Rodeo and Play days, had some very informative material and her talk was well planned. She skillfully drew verbal pictures of the speed events. Great job Callie.



Youth Fair Princess

Congratulations to the Rebecca Shearer who was the Rodeo Princess. She is out of the Silver Saddle 4-H Club, and she is an excellent representative for Denton County 4-H.



The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program Notice

Four years ago the Wal-Center 4-H Club in Harrisonville, Missouri began the Carry-On Suitcase Project for battered women and children. This community service project provides a suitcase to battered women and children as they arrived at a safe shelter with merely the clothing on their back. By providing the necessities to these individuals it gives them a head start at continuing their lives. The Carry-On Suitcase's include items such as a towel, washcloth, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, coloring books, stuffed animals, etc.

In support of this community service project the Wal-Center 4-H Club has developed a curriculum guide that includes how to start, promote, and even includes a project follow-up. The manual can be found on the Missouri Extension website at: <http://outreach.missouri.edu/fcrp/cosmanual.htm>

If you have any questions about this project, feel free to contact Danielle Roach, Wal-Center 4-H Club Junior Leader at roachranch3@msn.com.

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Special Thanks –
to all the leaders who
stepped up to support the
county horse show.

Giving Time, Giving of
Self, Giving to Others,
Promoting 4-H,
this is the role our
leaders play. You
have all been of
great help over the
past few weeks in
helping to



coordinate the success of
the 4-H Horse Project.
You have managed to
clear all the hurdles and
put the success of our
county youth first.
Thanks for a job well
done.

Success

Those are a Success who have
lived well, laughed often and
loved much;
who have gained the respect of
intelligent people and the love
of children;
who have filled their niche and
accomplished their task;
who leave the world better than
they found it,
whether by a perfect poem or a
rescued soul;
who never lacked appreciation
of the earth's beauty or failed to
express it;
who looked for the best in
others and gave the best they
had.

Bessie Anderson Stanley, 1904

It's the Same old Song



At the beginning of each
year, 4-H Clubs **MUST**
submit the following
information to the 4-H
Office. The due date is **NO**
Later than September 15,
2004.

Items Due:

- Club Charter
- By-Laws
- Annual Plan
- Financial Report on
4H bank accounts

Due May, 2004

- 2004/05 Club
Officers

Special thanks to all 4H
leaders and members who
helped maintain and
promote the 4-H Program.

Schwind Sweet Shop

Megan Schwind is baking pies
to help finance her trip to
Greece. She is on her way to
becoming a well known pastry
chef. She offers small fruit pies
at a cost of \$2.00 small pecan
pies at \$2.50. The large fruit
pies are \$10 and large pecan
pies for \$12. She also offers
prompt deliveries. Try 'em.
You'll like 'em. We do.

Northwest TAB Collection

Northwest 4-H is collecting
pull tabs. If you want to help,
call Rhonda Henry at
817-491-9384.

WEBSITES

Make Life Easier

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/rechk>

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>

<http://www.national4-Hheadquarters.gov>

<http://www.fourhcouncil.edu>

<http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu>

<http://dentoncounty.com/tce> –

**4-H newsletters and management
materials**

<http://denton-tx.tamu.edu>

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materials**

**you can access these websites from this
location – simply move the cursor and
click.**

Officers for 2004-2005

Parent Leaders Assn. Officers

Diane Schwind - President

Vice President - Gina McCormick

Sec/Treas. - Mary Bridges

4-H Council Officers:

Amanda Cage, President

Rebecca Acrey, 1st Vice President

Molli Schwind, 2nd Vice President

Tia Johnson, 3rd Vice President

Jace Beck, Secretary

Christopher Gosnell, Treasurer,

Michael Schwind, Reporter

Meghan Schwind, Council Delegate

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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 the year in which they are earned, 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:

_____ 2004

Signature

Date

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

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NOTE TO PARENTS: Jackets will not be ordered without this signed form giving parental authorization. You cannot order by phone. Jackets on order: Ted Hatch, Sam Hatch, Eric Anderson

Jackets will be ordered shortly after District Recordbook Judging so that they will be available for the annual banquet. The cost of the jacket usually depends on the number ordered and the color is what the vendor can get in the specified quantity.

Voice of Democracy

The Voice of Democracy is an annual national audio essay contest that is designed to foster patriotism by giving high school students in grades 9 through 12 the opportunity to voice their opinion about their personal obligations as an American and address their responsibility to our country. Created in 1947, the scholarship program annually provides more than \$3 million in scholarships. Contestants write and record a three to five minute essay on an annual theme. Each Department's first-place winner receives an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., plus the opportunity to compete for national scholarships. The first-place national winner receives a \$25,000 scholarship. All national scholarships are paid directly to the American university, college or vocational/technical school as selected by the recipient.

All scholarship funding is held at National Headquarters in escrow for 10 years from high school graduation. The funds, which are disbursed as needed, may be used for tuition, books, laboratory fees or other items relating specifically to the student's formal education. Clothing, room and board and pocket money are not considered authorized expenditures.

The 2004-2005 theme is "Celebrating Our Veterans' Service" **Deadline for entries is November 1, 2004.**

Patriot's Pen

Patriot's Pen, a youth essay writing contest, is a nationwide competition that gives students in grades 6,7 and 8 the opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy. This year, more than 116,000 students participated in the annual contest.

Contestants write a 300-400 word essay based on an annual patriotic theme. The first place winner receives a \$10,000 savings bond and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C. The top national winners each receive a savings bond anywhere from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

The 2004-2005 theme is "What Service to Our Country Means to Me." **The deadline is November 1, 2004.**

For more information contact [VFW National Headquarters](#) or [your local VFW Post](#).

<http://www.vfw.org>

Crockett County Shooting Complex Shoot

May 29, 2004

P.O. Box 1426 - Ozona, Texas 76943

Name: _____

Address: _____

County: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Sub-Junior ____ Junior ____ Senior ____

I just want to shoot the "Whiz Bang" qualifier only.



Jr. Master Angler Workshop

June 29 - 30, 2004 - Extension Ofc.

Cost: \$10.00

TOPICS: June 29, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Classroom

- Conservation
- Types of Bait
- Use of Equipment
- Fish Habitat
- Water Safety
- Sun Safety
- Proper Casting
- Types of Fish

WHIZ BANG MATCH

May 29, 2004 - - At the new Shooting Sport Facility

Located in Ozona, Texas

Youth Only Matches -----May 29, 2004

50 Five Stand with Charlie Wilson, 50 Trap, & 50 Skeet

\$50 per 150 bird, deadline is May 21, 2004

Late entries are \$65 per 150 birds

Over-All High Point Individual Awards per division

Sub-Junior, Junior, and Senior Division

Youth Matches will start at 9:00a.m., Saturday

Cut off for Registration 10:00a.m.

THIS IS A "WHIZ BANG" FOR 5 STAND SPORTING CLAY - QUALIFIER UNDER CHARLIE WILSON

Lunch will be available:

Directions to Range:

South on Hwy 163 out of Ozona,

Left on Clay Bird Lane just before the cemetery

FMI 915-392-2721

Registration Form is enclosed:

Fees: Entry Fee received by May 21, 2004 -\$50.00

(50 five Stand with Charlie Wilson, 50 trap, & 50 skeet)

Late Entries - \$65.00

Whiz Bang Qualifier only - \$25.00

Make checks payable to ***Ozona Trap & Skeet Club***

Send entries to: Ozona Trap & Skeet Club

P. O. Box 1426

Ozona, Texas 76943

Contest - Tournament - June 30 - 9:00 am - noon
(Bring your own poles)



On the first day you will need to bring a brown bag lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Riparian Entertainment

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating. A member of the Texas A&M University System and its statewide Agriculture Program.