

District 11 Research and Extension Center
10345 Hwy. 44
Corpus Christi, TX 78406
(361) 265-9203

2011-2012 District 11 Officers

Chair — Beth Henning,
Goliad

1st Vice — Ariana Barajas,
San Patricio

2nd Vice — Marcus Salinas,
Refugio

3rd Vice — Brandi Ortolon,
Jackson

Secretary — Megan Gaitan,
Bee

Treasurer — Dustin Zahn,
Wharton

Public Relations —
Jon Wellmann, Washington

Parliamentarian —
Madalynn Kainer, Victoria

Advisors —
Kayla Kaspar
Adrian Arredondo

4-H Specialist —
Jodi McManus

District 11 Extension Adminis-
trator — Donnie Montemayor



this issue

Chairman's Address **P.1**

Report from Texas 4-H Council **P.2**

The Secretary's Scoop **P.3**

Upcoming Dates from Across the State **P.4**

Howdy District 11!

Chairman's Address: Beth Henning, Goliad County

Another year has just begun. The question is...Are you ready for it? I can't tell you how much your 2011-2012 District Council Officers are! We have some great plans for you this year so gear up, and hop in the boat with

District 11 4-H... The Catch Of A Lifetime.

Sperry's and Magellan shirts aren't necessary. But you will need a positive 4-H attitude in order to not rock the boat. We have awesome ideas planned this year: Crossroads, Leadership Lab, and Round Up are waiting for you! And just wait till you see our backdrop, a crafty design brought to you by this year's council. Be sure to stay connected on the district website and keep updated with the monthly newsletter to hear all about what's happening throughout District 11.

Our district-wide goals include increasing involvement across D11, creating a promotional video, and bringing the district together in groups. Our community service project is Kolors for Kids, which is simply collecting coloring books and crayons to deliver to a group or a place in your community. By using our heads for clearer thinking, our hearts for greater loyalty, our hands to larger service, and our health for better living we can make the world a better place, and make the best better.

I challenge you to share with your friends and peers what all 4-H has to offer besides just showing animals at the fair. Everyone should have the 4-H experience...It is the catch of a lifetime. You're already a 4-Her...Opportunities are just waiting to be caught. All you have to do is put that sun block on, set your line out, and go fishing.

2011-2012 Texas 4-H Council



2011-2012 Texas 4-H Council Officers

President: Chase Vineyard; Erath County, District 8

1st Vice President: Onelisa Garza; Hidalgo County, District 12

2nd Vice President: Landon Woods; Hale County, District 2

Secretary: Gracen Daniel; Wood County, District 5

Public Relations Officer: Brandi Ortolon; Jackson County, District 11

Health & Safety Officer: Rachel Cooper; Brazoria County, District 9

Historian: Ethan Muehlstein; Kerr County, District 10



On July 25 through July 29, the newly elected 2011-2012 Texas 4-H State Council met for their first training! Beth Henning, Marcus Salinas and Brandi Ortolon represented District 11. There are currently 33 new members on this year's council team, and every one of these members are ready for a year packed full of new adventures.

The day of our arrival, also the first day of training, kicked off strong. Being new acquaintances, we spent some time after our arrival getting to know each other's backgrounds. After some short ice breakers and quick chit chat, the real fun began.

From the first day until the last of our training, we had great educational speeches from Dr. Boleman, Mr. Colton Carthel, Dr. Angela Burkham, Mr. Jared Lay, Dr. Courtney Meyers, Dr. Erica Irlbeck, and Dr. Rudy Ritz.

In addition to the speeches, we discussed with Kyle Merten the upcoming 2012 Round-Up, which will

now be held in Lubbock, Texas. After some brain storming on Round-Up, including how to improve the participation and attendance at Round-Up, we moved on to the State Fair and Texas 4-H Congress. We conferred with Dr. Toby Lepley on ways to improve our involvement at the fair and new activities and learning experiences relating to 4-H that we could bring with us. For Texas 4-H Congress, we conversed about what our agenda would entail for that week.

Not only did we attend daily meetings and speeches, but we were allowed to do some actual service during our training! Ms. Sarah Daghistry came in and gave everyone an overview of the Ronald McDonald house, and what it was really about. After being inspired, we put ourselves to work. Some of us cooked a meal while others helped to clean up the house. We left the house

Report from Texas 4-H Council

By Brandi Ortolon

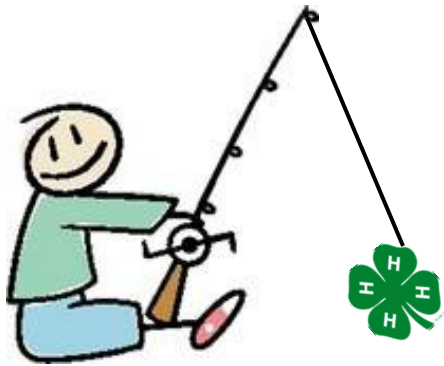
District 11 3rd Vice & Texas
4-H Public Relations Officer

feeling like we had accomplished our mission.

Our excitement continued as we were allowed to tour the entire Texas Tech campus as well as participate in a Texas Tech scavenger hunt to help us learn the whereabouts of everything on campus.

Then we really got down to business when it was time to elect the 2011-2012 State Council officer team. After impromptu speeches, a number of nominations, and long debates, we had the results.

Now with the training behind us, a new council family, a new officer group, our advisors to help guide us, and new adventures along the way, the 2011-2012 council is "A new team, a new experience, it's history in the making!"



The Secretary's Scoop

By Secretary, Megan Gaitan

The District 11 4-H Council joined together August 8 and 9 to begin planning for the fast approaching 2011-2012 4-H year. The group picked a theme, goals and community service project to set the tone for this awesome 4-H year.

Theme:

"District 11 4-H... The Catch of a Lifetime!"

Goals:

- Increase involvement and participation
- Create a Video Promo
- Continue to provide a District 11 4-H Newsletter
- Create a facebook (it is up and running, check us out)
- Bring District together in cluster for various events

Community Service Project:

Kolors for Kids (see attached flyer)

Crossroads:

District 11 Crossroads will take place in Corpus Christi on November 18-20. Topics will include: Sports Medicine, Law Enforcement, Vet Science, Culinary, Marine Science. Registration deadline is via 4-H Connect by October 24.

Leadership Lab

Much discussion took place in regards to 2012 Leadership Lab. As of now the location will be Cooper Farms (tentative to change). A few changes to the 2012 Lab will include: Awesome Athletic Adventure will return with an outdoor twist and the Banquet will be Semi-Formal, not casual. Save the date, June 18-20, 2012.

Other District Events:

Food Show and Challenge — December 3, 2011 in Wharton

Roundup — March 31 * in Brenham

Fashion Show — April 28 * at the Victoria Mall

Jr. Leadership Lab — July 10 at Rockport Beach

* Tentative dates



Fun Facts

about your D-11 Officers ...

Chairman Beth Henning has been playing sports since tee-ball but has yet to break a bone.

1st Vice Ariana Barajas attends a school for International Studies, she has 3 sisters and 3 nieces, she loves softball and is fascinated with the paranormal.

Did you know that Marcus Salinas, 2nd Vice helps manage 2 ranches 24/7. WOW!

Brandi Ortolon, 3rd Vice President loves to sing. She enjoys singing the national anthem at rodeos, doing solos at town functions or just bursting out in the shower.

Secretary, Megan Gaitan loves to dance the Wobble!

Watch out Texas, Dustin Zahn, Treasurer wants to be Governor of Texas one day, I bet he will have District 11's vote.

Are you afraid of heights, well your Public Relations Officer, Jon Wellmann is, but he wants to learn to fly one day. Talk about an oxymoron.

Madalynn Kainer, Parliamentarian loves to play volleyball and wants to pursue a degree in Sports Medicine one day.

What do you want to know about your District 11 Council Officers?

Send your questions to: kmkaspar@ag.tamu.edu and we will make sure you get answers!!

District 11 4H Council has a NEW Facebook Page

The District 11 Council Officers have been busy creating a NEW Facebook page specifically for District 11 4-H members. Join them online as they discuss upcoming events and catch up with friends made across the district!



While you are online, stop by the District 11 4-H website to check out the latest information on upcoming contests and events! Simply go to:

<http://d114-h.tamu.edu/>

The Texas 4-H website has also recently posted information about "One Day 4-H" and National 4-H Week. Catch all the latest news at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

Up Coming Events:

September 2011

- **Stripes 4-H Clover Campaign**
During the entire month of September, Stripes stores across the state will be selling 4-H paper clovers for \$1 to raise money for the local 4-H programs! Encourage your friends and family members to purchase a 4-H clover to hang in the store's window to show their support of the Texas 4-H Program. They will also receive a coupon for a free 12oz Slush AND Buy on Get One Free Nestle Wondak non-chocolate Candy!
- **Tractor Supply Clover Campaign**
September 21 to October 2 will be the fall TSC Paper Clover Campaign. Just purchase a clover and a percentage goes back into your local 4-H Program.

October 2011

- **Sunday October 2- Saturday October 8th : National 4-H Week!**
The Texas 4-H program has made available a publication highlighting various activities to do each day of National 4-H Week! Go online to get the latest National 4-H information:
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/news/national4Hweek/index.php>
- **Saturday, October 8th : One Day 4-H**
One Day 4-H is one day for all the 4-H members, parents, leaders, and volunteers to step out into their communities and county and say "thank you" by giving back for them more than 103 years of support to 4-H in Texas. This day of community service is what ever each 4-H members, club, or county 4-H Program wants it to be. What are YOU going to do to make a difference?



Stay tuned ...

November

- 11-13th: Junior Leadership Retreat (*Texas 4-H Center*)

- 18-20 : District 11 4-H Crossroads (*Corpus Christi, TX*)

December

- 3rd: District 11 4-H Food Show & Food Challenge (*Wharton*)

- 3rd: Coastal Bend Classic Clinics and Shows (*San Patricio County*)