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Howdy District 11!

Chairman's Address: Brandi Ortolon, Jackson

Lace up you hiking boots, grab your sun hats, and join the District 11 officers and I for a "**Walk on the Wild Side of 4-H**" as we enter the 2012-2013 year! Our safari will take you higher than the tree-top canopies of the Rain Forest as we explore new friendships, new opportunities, and achieve our goals.

After brainstorming at the retreat the council came up with some new and exciting ideas for District 11! Our community service this year is to start the Helping Hand Scholarship Fund. Our mission is to create a scholarship account for the less fortunate 4-H families. With the help of the fund, we can aid the 4-Hers with anything from seed to feed and clothes to cattle! The officer team also decided to create a promotional video, increasing involvement in 4-H Roundup, and increasing ag awareness would be key goals to aim for. Don't forget to like our facebook page and check out the district website to stay up-to-date on the district wide activities!

Let's use our heads for clearer thinking, our hearts for greater loyalty, our hands to larger service, and our health for better living so we can make the best better! Grab a friend, spread the word about 4-H, and join us as we embark on a "Walk on the Wild Side of 4-H." It's a jungle out there, but I challenge you to swing high through the trees and use 4-H to achieve your dreams!

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Report from Texas 4-H

By Madalynn Kainer

District 11 1st Vice President

Texas State 4-H Council is officially underway! Jon and I recently got back from State Council Training, in Brownwood. This opportunity allowed us to meet the other members of Council, learn our duties, form committees, and elect State officers.

On the first day, we did some icebreakers, to get to know the other members. The coolest part of the day, was listening to the director of Texas 4-H and Youth Development, Dr. Chris Boleman's presentation titled, "The Window Is Closing." Dr. Boleman inspired us to try our hardest, and work to make Texas 4-H the best. He also spoke a lot about our role as leaders. After the presentation, it was our turn to present. Each district gave a presentation about their district's history, economy, points of interest, and urban legends.

Day 2 started off with a low ropes course, lead by Mr. Drew Pickle.

The courses helped the council gain trust in each other, and learn how to work with each other. After low ropes, Mr. Weldon Floyd spoke to us about the Social Media and Internet Safety, and ways we can protect ourselves. He encouraged us to bring these lessons back to our counties, and inform youth about the dangers of Internet. Mrs. Nancy Lester also spoke to us about etiquette. She showed us how to act in certain social situations. After our etiquette presentation, Dr. Todd Williams lead a class to learn about our personalities.

Ms. Amy Dromgoole started off Day 3, by giving a presentation about communication and marketing. Dr. Kyle Merten, director of Texas 4-H Roundup, met with us to brainstorm ideas for the 2013 Texas 4-H Roundup. We also participated in a public speaking workshop. We

were giving a random topic, and had to come up with a speech related to our topic. That evening, we held a banquet, and we're officially installed as council members. We also participated in a high ropes course after dinner.

The last day was dedicated to selecting our state officers. After elections, the first official State meeting was held.

Jon and I are truly grateful for the opportunity to serve on Texas State 4-H Council. We are so excited about this year, and hope to make D11 proud!



2012-2013 Texas
4-H Council
Officers

Jake Jackson
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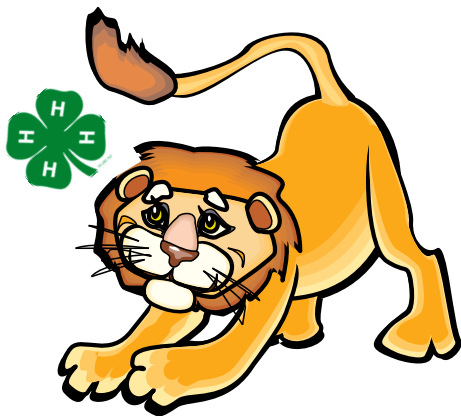
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1st Vice President

Rebecca Goad
2nd Vice President

Lawson Hamilton
Secretary

Miranda Jones
Public Relations Officer

Emily Fouts
Health & Safety Officer



The Secretary's Scoop

By Secretary, Dalton Klare, Refugio

After spending August 6th and 7th together in Matagorda County, the District 11 4-H Council has a planned year under their belts. We are also a more united officer team. Officer expectations were discussed and dates were set for future district events. Officers chose this year's theme, goals, and community service project to foreshadow a "wild" year ahead for D11!

Theme:

"Take a Walk on The Wild Side of 4-H with District 11."

Goals:

- Increase involvement and participation
- Create a Video Promo
- Continue to provide a District 11 4-H Newsletter
- District Officers travel to more county events

- Spirit Awards to increase participation at such events like Roundup.
- Create a Handout of events

Community Service Project:

Helping Hands Scholarship Fund

Crossroads:

District 11 Crossroads will take place in Corpus Christi on November 16-18. Topics will include: Petroleum, Vet Science, Culinary, and Marine Science. Registration deadline is via 4-H Connect by October 24.

Leadership Lab:

Much discussion took place in regards to 2013 Leadership Lab. It will be held at the 4-H Center in Brownwood with District 9.

Other District Events:

Food Show and Challenge — December 1, 2012 in Wharton

Coastal Bend Classic — December 1, 2012 in Sinton

Roundup — April 13 in Victoria

Fashion Show — April 13 in Victoria

Jr. Leadership Lab — July 9



Fun Facts

about your D-11 Officers ...

Chairman Brandi Ortolon took an AP welding class last year in school and received an official welding certificate, even though she never welded a day in my life and wouldn't know where to start Scary right?

1st Vice Madalynn is allergic to ginger.

Did you know that Jon Wellman, 2nd Vice President shows pigs, heifers and raises his own shorthorns?

Dakota Bramble 3rd Vice President served as an intern for Congressman Ron Paul.

Secretary, Dalton Klare HATES horror movies, but will take a girl to one so she'll hold on to him when she gets scared!

Chef Amanda Cloessner, AKA Health and Safety Office wants to go to culinary school and own her own restaurant.

Public Relations Officer, Zachary Mortensen is a bull rider and wants to raise his own string of bucking bulls and horses and get his stock into the NFR.

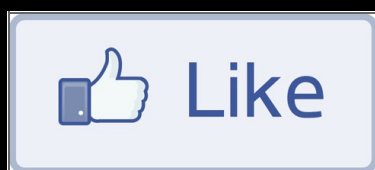
Hanna Siptak, Parliamentarian was on the 1a state champion softball team as a freshman!

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 Facebook Page

The District 11 Council Officers have been busy maintaining their Facebook page. 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 2012

- **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 Candy!
- **Tractor Supply Clover Campaign**
September 19 to 30 will be the fall TSC Paper Clover Campaign. Just purchase a clover and a percentage goes back into your local 4-H Program.

October 2012

- **Sunday October 7- Saturday October 13 : 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/4hweek>
- **Saturday, October 13th: 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 to them for more than 104 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

- 9-11: Junior Leadership Retreat (*Texas 4-H Center*)

- 16-18 : District 11 4-H Crossroads (*Corpus Christi, TX*)

December

- 1st: District 11 4-H Food Show & Food Challenge (*Wharton*)
- 1st: Coastal Bend Classic Clinics and Shows (*San Patricio County*)