TAE-4HA
2013 AWARDS BANQUET PROGRAM
RADIO PROGRAM
Jackie Cole

The "Henderson County 4-H Report" is a broadcast featured every Friday morning as a portion of the "Henderson County Extension Report" that airs every Monday through Friday on KCKL FM. The "Henderson County 4-H Report" has been a successful marketing tool for the 4-H and youth development program of Henderson County. Many listeners tune in to the early morning broadcast to catch up on the latest 4-H news, upcoming reminders, and events. The "Henderson County 4-H Report" will continue to promote 4-H awareness, be informative, and educational for many weekly broadcasts to come.

GOLDEN CLOVER AWARD
Matt Miranda

As a leader among his 4-H peers, Matt strived to make a difference. As a County Extension agent, Matt has continued to serve as a leader and has revamped the 4-H program in Guadalupe County. Membership numbers have increased as well as input and involvement from volunteer leaders. Matt hopes to continue to grow the program and become more involved in TAE4-HA.
SERVICE AWARDS

ACHIEVEMENT OF SERVICE AWARD

Chrissy Karrer
Alyssa Puckett
Maranda Revell

Chrissy Karrer has been an Extension Agent for 4 years and currently serves as the District 3 Director in the TAE4-HA. Her passion is bringing agriculture inside the classroom through hands on activities. She has hosted Teacher Workshops in Wise County and has effectively introduced 4-H curriculum enrichment to over 100 teachers.

Alyssa Puckett has worked for more than 10 years in Agriculture. As an Ag Science teacher to County Extension Agent, she has demonstrated the qualities of an effective leader. She participates in several State Level programs as well as serves the role as Director of East District 5 in the TAE4-HA.

Maranda Revell has been a member of the TAE4-HA since she began her career in Wichita County in 2008. Working with youth is the highlight of her career. She has focused on revitalizing and strengthening community clubs and empowering volunteers. She has been active member of district and state TAE4-HA.

PUBLISHED PHOTO

Chrissy Karrer

The main objective of the published photo was to promote the Wise County Youth Fair and the poultry project to the general public in Wise County. The number of youth raising broilers in the 4-H program has doubled in the past few years and Chrissy wanted to recognize the youth for their hard work in preparing for the broiler contest. The photo promotes the idea that "4-H is for Families" that we push to all of our perspective families. The photo consists of 4-H members, parents and volunteers that are involved in the broiler project. Being the supervising CEA, Chrissy could not be in the ring assisting but captured the moment via photograph since most parents were assisting 4-H members. The photo was published in the Wise Family Magazine along with an article written by a 4-H member.
PROMOTIONAL PIECE

TEAM

Cory Talley
Dolores Sandmann

Interpreting the 4-H program is important, and developing new eye catching documents is a great way to promote our programs to key stakeholders. Cory Talley and Dolores Sandmann collaborated to develop a new format for interpretation pieces to share the success stories of Travis County 4-H. The new format allowed for sharing in a variety of ways while allowing for a creative and professional look.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Darlene Locke

Dr. Darlene Locke, also known as Doc Locke to campers and summer staff has been at the Texas 4-H Conference Center since April 2004. She first served as Program Director for two years and then as Director for the past six years. Ten years at camp! Prior to that she served as District 11 4-H Specialist and as County Extension Agent-Agriculture for Aransas, Nueces and Jackson Counties, she also completed two years of cotton research with AgriLife Research. While serving at the 4-H Center, her goal has continually been to empower those that participate in 4-H Center activities. Junior Leadership Retreat and Mission Possible are great examples of that leadership. Both of these programs are led by 4-H youth with Adult Volunteers and Agents providing guidance. Supervising Summer Staff to provide dynamic and interactive camp activities is another testament to her servant leadership, training and then empowering young professionals towards their final vocations. As an Administrator she recognizes that the 4-H Center would not be the great place that it is, without the strong commitment of the 17 full time staff. She gratefully acknowledges their service and their commitment. Doc Locke recently celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary with husband Steve. They have two children, Kyle and Cheyenne, three dogs, one cat and 10 alpacas that keep them busy outside of work.
SPECIALTY AWARDS
4-H MILITARY PARTNERSHIP
David Wright
Brigid Mejia
Annie May
Cari Hutcheson
Jolie Durand

The Texas Military 4-H Program has established 4-H Clubs on and off installations statewide, in an effort to assist with challenges by providing accessible, affordable and quality educational programs for military youth. Military 4-H programs and projects provide a unique opportunity for youth to enhance and develop their knowledge and skills.

PROMOTIONAL PIECE
Matt Miranda

The objective of the Planting Goals, Harvesting Success 4-H Brochure is to give Guadalupe County 4-Hers, Adult Leaders and others a one page informational piece for promotion of the 4-H program in Guadalupe County! The brochure is most often used by the Guadalupe County 4-H Ambassadors, who have distributed over 2,000 of them since its creation in September 2012. The Brochure gives the basic history of the 4-H program in Texas and Guadalupe County, as well as the contact information for the extension office and its websites. The most important part of the brochure is the information of local 4-H Clubs, common 4-H projects, and the basics of the 4-H program in general.
The team of Micah Holcombe and Randall Rakowitz reach over 1,100 4-H members with the Bell County 4-H newsletter each month. The newsletter provides local, county, district, state, and national 4-H opportunities for 4-H members. The newsletter is published on the Bell County 4-H website, 4-H connect site, and 6 Facebook pages. The booklet newsletter is also enjoyed by the managers so they have a quick reference at all club meetings.

The Bell County 4-H Website is utilized by many 4-H members and families, 4-H leaders, and County Extension Agents across the state. The website provides educational resources such as consumer decision making scenarios and lesson plans, record book and scholarship examples and tips, and roundup share the fun acts examples, to name a few. The website receives on average 1,100 hits a month. The website is updated on a daily basis and provides a weekly update on the home page so members know what is happening during the week. The website has become a fun and enjoyable part of Micah Holcombe’s job.
EXCELLENCE IN TEAMWORK AWARD

Maranda Revell
Lorrie Coop
Penny Warren
Alinda Cox
Elsie Lacy

The purpose of the Excellence in Teamwork award is to encourage and recognize outstanding Extension programs or projects conducted by a team that demonstrate effective performance and significant impact at community, area, state or multi-state levels. The program must involve a minimum of two program areas. Team members were Maranda Revell, Lorrie Coop, Elsie lacy, Penny Warren and Alinda Cox. Judging is based on the significance of the accomplishments.

PERIODICAL PUBLICATION

INDIVIDUAL
Matt Miranda

The objective of the Guadalupe County 4-H Gazette is to give Guadalupe County 4-Hers, Adult Leaders and members of the general public a greater amount of information of the various programs, projects and general opportunities the entire 4-H program has to offer in Guadalupe County, Texas. The Gazette Contains information on 4-H projects, upcoming contests, club reports, photos of various events and more. The Publication goes out every two months to every 4-Her and Adult leader in the county. It is divided into sections that allow for better organization for each area of the program and it allows for club reporters and the council president, reporter and historian to write something for it each month.
NEWS STORY

Jackie Cole

Henderson County 4-H & the Extension staff have made a continued effort to share with the public 4-H achievements and accomplishment through local media. Jackie Cole has continued these efforts by submitting articles that inform readers, update on 4-H events and activities, recognize 4-H accomplishments, and show appreciation to supporters of the 4-H program. Each article submitted tells the facts and will hold the reader's attention but, most of all promotes awareness for the Henderson County 4-H program.

EXCELLENCE IN CAMPING

Southern Regional Award Winner

Darlene Locke
Laurinda Boyd
Charlene Belew
Maranda Revell
Maria Hey

Mission Possible is an Inclusive camp for youth with and without disabilities, held at the Texas 4-H Conference Center. The camp is a statewide effort to engage young people with various medically diagnosed disabilities in the 4-H program. 4-H members volunteer to serve as Mentors and act as a "camping or teaching assistant" to ensure that the young people learn and are successful. Mission Possible provides a great opportunity for 4-H members to "walk in the shoes" of persons in the disabled community, thereby developing a better understanding of their everyday challenges and becoming more aware of their situation. The goal of Mission Possible is to create an inclusive environment and to also help break down the barriers of misunderstanding and fear that hinders full community involvement by those persons with disabilities.
EXCELLENCE IN GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP
Chris Schraeder

Collin County youth traveled the virtual world during a weeklong summer camp that introduced different countries and cultures. Youth were given presentations by adults and other youth that had lived in different countries and experienced a different culture and way of life. Youth enjoyed learning the different customs, games, traditions and foods associated with the countries that were visited. Once the camp was completed, participants had a better understanding of the different cultures of the world and how we can affect each other on a global level, both positively and negatively. The campers truly understood that we are all global citizens of our world and must work together to make a positive difference.

MEDIA PRESENTATION
Maranda Revell

The purpose of the Media Presentation award is to present educational information in a manner that is clear and understandable for the user. The presentation must be created digitally. Maranda's Record Book Training power point provided a training that 4-H families across the state could use in their own homes, at their own speed and discretion. Judging is based on content and appearance.
EXHIBIT/DISPLAY

Chrissy Karrer

In September Wise County 4-H holds a 4-H Explosion event to recruit youth and volunteers to the 4-H program. The exhibit was set up on the courthouse steps and various 4-H clubs set up booths on the lawn area. The exhibit promoted different project opportunities as well as gave out information on how to get involved. For a hands-on activity for youth, agent set up a photo booth with fun props. Participants were then given an information page that led them to the Wise County 4-H Facebook page where pictures would be posted.

EXCELLENCE IN NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Kayla Kaspar
Scott Willey
Lee Fritsch

The Fayette County 4-H Program collaborated with LCRA and Texas Parks and Wildlife, to host a three day summer Wildlife and Fish Day Camp. The focus of the camp is on Wildlife Ecology, Biology, Habitats, Fish Identification and Angler Education. The camp is open to youth ages 8-14. Youth also learned about how wildlife and fishing relates to a 4-H program and the opportunities involved within the project. Activities included a rafting trip on the Colorado River, presentation from a Wildlife Biologist, tracking, and fishing.
Junior Leadership Retreat is an annual event held at the Texas 4-H Conference Center each November. The focus of this retreat is two-fold: 1, provide youth (junior and intermediate age 4-H members) and adults and opportunity to learn about projects and/or activities that are new to the Texas 4-H Program, and 2, provide a leadership opportunity for Texas 4-H Council members. Texas 4-H Council members are viewed as the state level youth leadership for 4-H in Texas. Junior Leadership Retreat provides a means to experience and actually demonstrate the leadership skills they have obtained through their 4-H experience.

To address the lack of teacher knowledge in the growing Egg-to-Chick program in Wise County, agents and program assistant created a handbook to give to teachers that began with incubator care, included various types of lessons, an adoption letter, and chick/chicken care. Resources were pulled from the Texas A&M Agrilife Bookstore, various curriculums, online educational websites, pre-test/post-test and an experiment based curriculum created by Sarah Bolt to create the Egg-to-Chick Teacher's Resource Guide. Each year the resource guide is updated with new lessons and curriculums. In two years over 53 classrooms with over 1,080 students have been reached with at least 4 lessons taught from the resource guide by teachers and a candling and chick make over lesson presented by Chrissy and Andrea.
COMMUNICATOR AWARDS

EDUCATIONAL PIECE

INDIVIDUAL

Maranda Revell

The purpose of the Educational Presentation award is to educate through accurate, concise information on one subject. Maranda's Wichita County 4-H Family Guide was intended to provide thorough information on the 4-H program specifically in Wichita County. The family guide provides answers to frequently asked questions and a tentative 4-H Year Calendar. Judging is based on content and appearance.

SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEEN PROGRAMMING

INDIVIDUAL

Brock Fry

In this rural country town named Jefferson surrounded by lakes and rivers, this Marion County Agent constructed an excellent and successful teen programming opportunity better known as "Jefferson 4-H Sportfishing". The program has involved the community including upwards of $8,000 in support and a growing fishermen population by more than double in the local Jefferson Bass Club. Some excellent youth education provided by the cooperation of professional anglers and state agencies has amassed impressive educational results. Brock Alan Fry has organized a successful, impactful, and educational bass fishing program since 2011.
In an effort to address the concern that, as our Baby Boomers leave the workforce, they are not being replaced with workers that can meet the needs of the world job market. Career Day 2012 focused on the need for Knox County and surrounding youth to finish high school and seek postsecondary education, either through college credits or certification programs, in a field that would allow them the ability to support themselves and their families while living in rural Texas.

As an incentive for teachers that have completed 5 successful years of hatching chicks in the classroom, Maranda Revell introduced Hatching in the Classroom: Duck Edition. Teachers are provided eggs, incubators and a binder with pre/post tests to measure knowledge gained. Students observe incubation and learn about the incubator, feather differences and care of ducklings.
EXCELLENCE IN URBAN 4-H PROGRAMMING
Ronda Alexander

Ronda Alexander has served as County Extension Agent 4-H in Lubbock County for the past fifteen years. During this time she has reached over 90,000 youth and adults with educational programming efforts in the areas of financial management, life skills, safety, youth development, character education and leadership development. With the series “Dollars and Sense”, Ronda was able to help community youth develop financial management knowledge and skills in relation to budget, credit, insurance, goal-setting and financial services.

DENISE MILLER NATIONAL 4-H INNOVATOR
Chris Schraeder

Livestock shows are a rich Texas tradition where youth are able to exhibit animals. However, there are many special needs youth that attend and watch but never get to participate. Collin County 4-H hosted a show to allow special needs youth an opportunity to participate in this true Texas tradition. On the day of the show, “Celebrate the Possibilities” Livestock Show hosted 25 special needs youth, utilizing over 125 adult and youth volunteers with a total of 550 volunteer hours given.