Are you ready for Lock-in? By Shelby Kilpatrick, Public Relations

I know that I am! This year’s Lock-in will be at Amazing Jake’s, inside Collin Creek Mall, Plano on January 14th-15th. All County Agents, Adult Volunteers, Intermediate and Senior 4-H Members are invited for a night of workshops, food and fun!

Workshop topics include ATV Safety, Leaders 4 Life, Fashion Storyboarding, Scrapbooking*, Texas Global Education & Cultural Exchange/4-H, Photography, Service with a Smile and Green Living. *Be sure to bring pictures and/or newspaper clippings about your County 4-H Program to create pages for the 1st ever District IV 4-H Scrapbook!

During this event we will be collecting items for the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas. This is our District Community Service Project. We will also be collecting donations for Breedlove Foods Inc., the Texas 4-H Council Community Service Project. A complete list of items that we will be collecting and more information about Breedlove can be found on pages 3 and 4.

Other activities will include Icebreakers, the DIV 4-H Business Meeting, Amazing Jake’s games and a DANCE!

Pizza and salad will only be available at two times during the night, so please bring a snack to keep up your energy!

Registration on 4-H Connect ends on January 7th, 2011! We have two registration options; Youth/Adult - $32 (includes workshop materials, unlimited food & games) and Youth/Adult - $11 (includes all of the above with the exception of games).

More information and the promotional video is available on the District IV 4-H website. The District Council and I hope that you will join us!

If you have any questions, please contact Derrick Bruton at dbruton@ag.tamu.edu or (972) 231-5362.
Presidential Points

by Lauren Milligan, President

Howdy District IV 4-H!

For those of you that don’t know me, I’m Lauren Milligan and I have the honor of serving you as the 2010-2011 District IV 4-H President and one of your representatives on the Texas State 4-H Council. I hope that this newsletter finds all of you having enjoyed the Holiday Season and having had a fantastic 2010. I know we are going to have a great 2011 in 4-H. As I think back about the year that was 2010, I think of all the fantastic events and accomplishments for the District IV 4-H program.

We started off the year with an amazing showing at the District IV Lock-In. Soon afterwards, we had a great Food Show and Inaugural Food Challenge. Once we all made it home from those contests, it was time to get our photographs prepared and sent off for the District Photography Show; then it was the ever important District IV Fashion Show. I know some of y’all were at the Major Stock Shows representing 4-H like I was; I hope that you all had just as much fun and success as I did. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to make sure you have a sign above your animals at the shows that lets everyone know that you are a 4-H member and that 4-H is still alive and well in the great State of Texas. Once things died down and we finished up the school year, it was time to head to Aggieland for State Round-Up. What an amazing experience that was. There’s nothing like some good Ol’ Aggie Hospitality. After Round-Up, it wasn’t long until we were all gathering in Gainesville for District IV UlTra, which stands for Ultimate Training. This was the first year that we changed the style of our District Leadership Lab from a more laid back form in years past to an intense Learning Experience based camp similar to SpecTra. All I have to say is that it was one of the best experiences of my life. If you didn’t have a chance to experience UlTra last summer, I strongly encourage you to do everything in your power to join us this summer. We started off this school year with an incredible showing at our Fall Council Meeting. I hope that all of you enjoyed your time with us at the District Office.

I know that I probably left out some competitions, but I just wanted to hit on a few of them. Our theme for this year is “Change Your Tomorrow.” I know that not all of you were at UlTra and may not have heard my campaign speech that was based on Skipping Stones, but I think that ties into our theme for the year. I challenged each of you to be a skipping stone in your county and spread the story of 4-H to the edge of your “County Ponds.” I think that if we all did our part we would not only continue developing life skills and Changing our Tomorrow, but we could do our part to Change the Tomorrow for the District IV 4-H Program. It will be us, the members of the District IV 4-H Association, that determine what the future holds. I challenge all of you to be involved as much as possible in as many projects as possible. It is our responsibility to take advantage of our time in 4-H and gain as much as possible for our time in such an amazing association.

To close out this Inaugural Edition of the President’s Points, I would like to take a few sentences to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your 2010-2011 District IV President. I always looked at the District Presidents as I was coming up in 4-H and saw that as something I wanted to accomplish. I want all of you to know that as your District President, I, and my fellow District Council Members are here for you always to listen to your concerns or ideas for our District IV Programs or anything else we can help you with. Just shoot us an e-mail or give us a call. I would also like to say thank you at this time to our District Director, District Specialist, County Agents, and all the Office Staff members who, without their help, we could not have a 4-H Program. Again, I hope that all of you have had an Amazing Holiday Season, a Safe and Happy New Year, and I hope to see all of you at either Teen Retreat or the District Lock-In in January.
District IV 4-H Lock-in Community Service Project

Just like your home, the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas needs a number of everyday items to keep it running. The Ronald McDonald House of Dallas has an ongoing need for the following items.

- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Postage Stamps
- AAA Batteries
- Copier & Laser Printer Paper
- Ziploc Bags (gallon & quart sizes)
- Individually Packaged Snacks
- Breakfast Foods
- Fresh Fruit
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Tickets to sporting or special events
- Current DVDs (new) -- rated G -- PG-13
- Games (new) for Xbox, Xbox 360 or Nintendo Wii
- Target or Wal-Mart Gift Cards
- AMC Movie Passes
- Gift Cards to Gas Stations
- Gifts for Teens (sweatshirts, iPods, lotions, DVDs)
- Outdoor Equipment (basket balls, volleyballs, soccer balls, etc.)
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To help maintain clinical integrity and stringent health codes, please be sure all items are new and in original packaging, and please check your expiration dates and recall lists.

Please visit http://www.rmhdallas.org/ to learn more about the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas.

Texas 4-H Technology Team Face-to-Face Meeting Review by Corey Cuba, 2nd Vice President & Technology Team Member

The Texas 4-H Technology Team is a statewide leadership team consisting of a partnership between state 4-H faculty, county Extension agents, adult 4-H volunteers, corporate sponsors and 4-H youth members. The team, founded in 2004, is responsible for many duties relating to technology in the 4-H program.

The Texas 4-H Technology Team held their first face-to-face meeting from November 12-14, in College Station. After all the members arrived at 6:00 Friday night, they learned the guidelines, rules, and privileges that entail being a member of the team. After the rules were laid down, the rest of the night was spent eating pizza, playing fun icebreaker games, and assigning the team to committees. Committees are responsible for various tasks, including marketing, planning the Texas 4-H State Roundup General Assembly, teaching workshops at the California 4-H Leadership Conference, and updating the team’s website and social media services.

On Saturday, the members learned how to use the photo editing programs Adobe Photoshop and The Gimp. After a long morning, lunch was served, and the rest of the day was spent working on green screen videos and committee assignments. On Sunday, members took team pictures, completed committee work, and left for home by 10:00 am.

Membership on the Texas 4-H Technology Team is available each year to all senior age 4-H members who complete an application and submit it for selection. Applications are located at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/. 2010-2011 Members of the Technology Team from District IV include Van Zandt County CEA-FCS Dee Lee Smith, Victoria Blessing (Cooke County), Corey Cuba (Collin County), K'Lynn Everitt (Van Zandt County), Faye Fetters (Fannin County), Malory McKee (Van Zandt County), Shelby Kilpatrick (Denton County) and Whitney Taylor (Cooke County).
Breedlove Foods Inc. is a Texas based 501(c)(3) charitable, non-profit organization that is dedicated to feeding the hungry…the malnourished…the poor…the sick…the under-privileged…the destitute…the famished…the starved…the needy…the impoverished…the deprived…

Did you know that:
Well over 1,000,000,000 people will go to bed hungry tonight. 1 man, woman, or child dies every 2.9 seconds from hunger-related causes.
Worldwide, more than 1.2 billion people currently live on less than $1.00 per day.
Your Texas 4-H Council is challenging you to help!

The number one thing you can do to help Breedlove Inc. help others is to give a monetary donation. However, the Texas 4-H Council encourages each district / county to raise money by doing something good for your community. Turn in your money and the following form to your district office by May 6th, 2011.

The district that raises the most money will be recognized at Texas-H Roundup!

For more information on Breedlove visit their website at http://www.breedlove.org/
contact State Community Service Committee Chair Micala Michaud at texaschic94@gmail.com or visit the District IV 4-H website.

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Wonders of Washington (WOW)  
by Aaron Fleitman, 3rd Vice President

4-H members from District IV will be traveling to Washington D.C. this summer on July 1st through the 10th, 2011, to participate in Wonders of Washington. The delegation will travel to Washington D.C. on train. Some of the events that the delegation will be doing include a night view of Washington D.C., Gettysburg, Mount Vernon, Arlington, Capitol Hill, Postal Museum, Hard Rock Café, and Leadership and Citizenship workshops. The delegation will be staying at the National 4-H Center during the trip. The cost is $2000. Contact your Extension Office for more details.

Fall Focus Meeting Minutes  
recorded and submitted by Katie Duke, Secretary

These minutes will be up for approval at the District IV 4-H Lock-in during our Business Meeting on January 14th, 2011.

The 2010 fall business meeting was called to order by Lauren Milligan at 1:28 pm on September 18, 2010. The Pledge to the American flag was led by Alisha Silva, the Texas Pledge was led by Kelvin Word, and the 4-H pledge was lead by Jill Walker. Katie Duke read the minutes from the DIV UiTra Leadership camp. Roll call was taken by Katie Duke; Bowie, Collin, Cook, Dallas, Denton, Fannin, Grayson, Kaufman, Lamar, Tarrant and Van Zandt Counties were all present. The County Delegate reports for all the counties present were read. There was no old business. Shelby Kilpatrick talked about the tech team and how to sign up, and Lauren Hamilton informed us on the District Scrapbook she is putting together. Micala Michaud talked about the latest state counsel event. Lauren Milligan reviewed the upcoming district events and dates to put on our calendars. The DIV 4-H 2010 Fall Business meeting was adjourned at 1:49 pm by Lauren Milligan.

District IV 4-H Horse, Beef and Nutrition Quiz Bowl & Consumer Decision Making Contest Results!

On November 20th, 2010 District IV 4-H members competed in the Consumer Decision Making (CDM) and Quiz Bowl Contests. Congratulations to all of the winners and thank you to everyone who participated! Pictures from the day and more results can be viewed on the District IV 4-H website.

Horse Quiz Bowl:
1st Place Junior Team—Tarrant County
1st Place Intermediate Team—Fannin County
1st Place Senior Team—Tarrant County

Nutrition Quiz Bowl:
1st Place Junior Team—Dallas #2
1st Place Intermediate Team—Dallas
1st Place Senior Team—Denton

Consumer Decision Making:
1st Place Junior Team—Dallas #2
Highpoint Junior—Ashley W. (Dallas County)
1st Place Intermediate Team—Rockwall #1
Highpoint Intermediate—Amanda R. (Tarrant County)
1st Place Senior Team—Denton County #2
Highpoint Senior—Allison B. (Tarrant County)

Beef Quiz Bowl:
1st Place Intermediate Team—Cooke County
1st Place Senior Team—Van Zandt County

For more updates on the District IV 4-H Program, please visit http://d44-h.tamu.edu/.