



January, 2013



Did you know that in order to join the Legion of Super Heroes that each super hero must have at least one power or ability that no one else does? That is remarkable when you think of each of the Super Heroes powers and what they have done to continually save the earth from aliens, crooks, thieves, and others wanting to destroy the earth. But, as you look at each of these Super Heroes what is the one thing they have in common when saving the earth – *they are taking **ACTION!***

As we started 2013, and people were using social media to reflect on 2012 many stated it was a challenging year. A year of challenges related to what we saw in politics, the economy, tragedies in our country, not even to mention the personal challenges we each faced. However, the great thing about starting a new year is we can make resolutions and look to the future with a smile and hope for a better tomorrow. However, the better tomorrow comes from us as 4-H members, volunteers, parents, and Extension employees striving to *make the best better!* And, how do we make the best better in 2013 – we become **ACTION LEADERS!**

Taking action and making the difference in our communities is something 4-H has been doing for more than 105 years in Texas. When Tom Marks started the Corn Clubs (4-H) in Jack County in 1907 he did so because he needed action to take place. He had worked and worked with the adult farmers to have them adopt the new techniques, but they just wouldn't, so he stopped talking, and started creating action by recruiting the young men of the county

to grow the latest varieties of corn using the new techniques. What happened? Corn production from those young men's crop was historical and Tom Marks started a revolution. For many of us in 4-H, and in Texas history, he is truly a hero for his action vs. his words.

We have all seen these 'leaders' who use the television, social media, or other media to demonstrate their "leadership greatness." But are they truly the leaders making the difference through positive actions, or just people speaking words. For the majority of us in 4-H we are action leaders already within our club and county, but what about outside of 4-H? Are we actively making a difference in our communities through our school, church, or other organizations?

So, here's the 2013 challenge to the Texas 4-H Family! Leave your "bat cave" and become a **Super Action Leader Hero** for your community. Identify the changes and then create the action for bettering your community. ***Don't be Robin when you have the unique power as a 4-H member to be Bat Man!*** Our country needs more Super Heroes - young people that will lead and guide our country, and world, into a better place and be the much needed role models! Make 2013 a great year full of rewards and accomplishments that you and your community can be proud of, and don't forget to bring along your band of other super 4-H heroes as you save the day in 2013!

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Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Applications Available On-Line

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The 2013 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship application for all 4-H seniors is now available on the Texas 4-H website.

The Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Program offers four different types of scholarship for either high school seniors or former 4-H members. Scholarships available are:

- Baccalaureate scholarships for those high school seniors entering college/university to acquire a four year degree.
- Technical scholarship for youth not wanting a four year degree, but a technical training certificate through a junior college or an accredited trade school.
- Courageous Heart scholarship for 4-H members who have experienced major obstacles that have altered their lifestyles related to home, school, or medical but have remained active in 4-H and in their school accomplishments.
- Collegiate Scholarship for former 4-H members that have been in college for at least one year and have completed at least 30 hours of college course work. Other requirements related to GPA are also required to apply.

The scholarship applications as well as instructions and examples are provided on the Texas 4-H and Youth Development website. Please make sure that you download and review all pieces of information prior to completing the application.

Each county will determine their own county deadline for the application to be submitted. Interviews for the scholarships will be held on May 10-12, 2013 in Austin, Texas. Awarding will take place on Monday, June 10, 2013 at Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station. To be considered and awarded any of the Texas 4-H Opportunity scholarships an applicant must participate in all aspects of the program.

THIS THURSDAY !



Tweet Up on 4-H Scholarships and Financial Aid!

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program will host its' third "Tweet-Up" on Twitter on January 10, 2013 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. This "tweet-up" will use twitter and to join the conversation, just tag each of your post with the hash tag of

#TX4HCONVO. Using this hash tag as you post will then let everyone know your questions and thoughts and we can respond back. This will be your last chance before scholarships are due to ask questions and hear from the experts.

**Registration
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**Deadline
January
18th !**



4-H Day At The Capitol

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ALL 4-H members, parents, and County Extension Agents are invited to join Texas 4-H at the 4-H Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 in Austin, Texas. This event will be a day filled with 4-H being recognized in both the House of Representatives and Senate Chambers. In the afternoon, spend some time with your legislators and let them know about the great things 4-H is doing in your community.

Registration is \$20.00 per person and is open on 4-H CONNECT from Monday, December 17, 2012 and will close January 18, 2013. Registration will include a t-shirt, registration materials, approved tokens of appreciation for members to present to legislators, and insurance for the event. Lunch will be on your own. When you register, be prepared to provide the names of both your House of Representative member and your Senator who will be representing you in the 2013 Legislative Session. A new feature to assist with last minute schedule changes from the legislative offices will be a text messaging system. If you would like to receive these notices, please sign up during your registration.

January is Picking Up Chicks Month! Major Show Chicken's That Is!

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The Texas A&M University Poultry Science Department will host two show broiler chick pickup days coming up in January. The first is on January 11 for the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. Birds will be distributed starting at 8 am at the Poultry Science Research Center at the corner of FM 2818 and Luther St. The second pickup date is January 23 for the Houston Live-stock Show and Rodeo and the Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo.

Distribution will be begin at 8 am at Louis Pearce Pavilion on George Bush Avenue.



If you have ordered broilers for either of these shows, please make sure you have talked to your County Extension Office on the delivery plan and you are prepared to receive them on the delivery days.



4-H Has Talent

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The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program is pleased to announce this year's 2013 4-H Has Talent Competition. The Texas 4-H Has Talent Competition has grown tremendously over the last three years. We are looking for another great year of acts and excitement at Roundup. Deadline for entries is April 1st. <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup>

Beekeeping Essay Contest

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The Beekeeping Essay Contest is sponsored by the The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. For over 50 years, the American Beekeeping Federation has been serving the needs of the U.S. beekeeper. Any youth interested in participating in the contest must follow the instructions for the Texas selection process. Each State Winner, including the national winners, receives an appropriate book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey. Deadline for all submissions to the the State 4-H Office is January 13, 2013. For more information please visit the following website http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_entomology/beekeeping

4-H Recipe Rally

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Information on the 2013 4-H Recipe Rally is now posted online. The contest is open to intermediates and seniors, with the top three in each age division invited to participate in the 2013 Texas 4-H Roundup. The theme for the 2013 contest is "Dairy." Entry deadline is February 1, 2013. More information is available at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles.

Healthy Lifestyles Invitational

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The classes and resources for the 2013 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Invitational Contest are now available at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles. Previous contest classes are also posted on the web site. The contest is held during Texas 4-H Roundup and is open to intermediate and senior 4-H members. Youth may compete as teams or individuals.



2013 4-H Volunteer Conference

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The Texas 4-H & Youth Development Program is pleased to announce plans for the 2013 4-H Volunteer Conference! Mark your calendars – and share the date with others – for July 12th – 14th in Plano, Texas. The conference will offer another pre-conference workshop on the afternoon of Friday, July 12th, with the conference officially kicking off that evening. Saturday and Sunday will be filled with a variety of educational workshops. As conference plans are finalized and details are set, more information will be provided on the volunteer conference webpage: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteer_conference.

2013 Volunteer Award Nomination Site Now Open

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The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program is pleased to announce the 2013 award nomination process for our volunteers, Extension employees, and supporters through the 2013 Texas 4-H Volunteer Recognition Program. The complete packet which includes all award descriptions and the submission process can be found on-line at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recognition#volunteer>.

ALL award applications will be submitted on-line through the Texas 4-H and Youth Development website. The application submission process is currently open and will end on March 15th, 2013. Any Extension employee, 4-H member and/or volunteer may make nominations for the awards. Therefore, County Extension Agents are encouraged to share this information with co-workers, volunteers and 4-H members. Self-nomination is discouraged.



PRIOR HONOREES

A list of prior award winners is available on the Texas 4-H Website. Please review this list to ensure the person you are nominating has not been honored with the award previously. An award can only be presented one-time to an individual and/or supporter.

NOMINATION DEADLINES

Nomination Application Submission Dates: March 15, 2013

Notification to Award Winners: April 1, 2013 to April 15, 2013

		<h2>4-H Day @ Fuddruckers</h2>		<h3>2012-2013 4-H Days</h3>			
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Sequor Youth Development Initiative Conference For Youth Development Professionals

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The Sequor Youth Development Initiative (ydi.tamu.edu) is excited to share information about the upcoming 4th Annual Sequor YDI Conference. The event is scheduled for April 10th – 11th, 2013 with a Preconference training event on April 9th at the Camp Allen Resort and Conference Center. The goal of the Conference is to connect youth development research to practitioners utilizing interactive presentation methods. Applications to present at the Conference as well as registration rates can be found on the home page of our website.

We have confirmed Mr. Shawn Petty, the Technical Assistance Manager for Edvance Research, Inc., as the speaker for the Preconference training session on April 9th. He will present on the topic of WINNING with Web 2.0! which highlights ways that programs can use technology in program design and recruitment. Also, the keynote speaker for April 10th will be Dr. Mat Duerden who will present on the topic of "Seven Strategies for Maximizing the Impact of Youth Development Programs". Please feel free to contact Tori Schwarzlose at ydi@ag.tamu.edu with any questions you may have.



Texas 4-H Friends & Alumni Association Announces Alliance Opportunity for ALL Counties

The Texas 4-H Friends & Alumni Association is here to assist all 254 Counties across Texas with raising funds for their local 4-H programs. All your county has to have are 4-H Alumni and Friends of 4-H within your county lines to be a part of this new fund raising endeavor !!

Beginning August 15 - May 31, 2013, the Texas 4-H Friends & Alumni Association will be hosting "Roundup Former 4-H'ers and Supporters Across Texas" membership drive. A significant portion of the funds raised through this campaign will be returned to the local 4-H Club or County 4-H Program by the Friends and Alumni Association.

Recruitment materials will be made available on the Texas 4-H Friends & Alumni website or you can email Jana Barrett to have them sent to you direct. The membership drive materials will include talking points about the efforts of the Association, a membership information flier and F&A Membership recruitment forms.

The County and/or local 4-H Club portion of Memberships sold will be as follows:

- ~ Lifetime Membership (\$50 donated to County and/or Club)
- ~ Annual Membership (\$10 donated to County and/or Club)
- ~ Collegiate Membership (\$5 donated to County and/or Club)

The individual 4-H member recruiting "F&A Memberships" will be allowed to designate their portion of the funds to their specific local 4-H club (subject to verification of club charter by the State 4-H office and notification to the county), their local County 4-H Program, or split the funds between both their Club and their County 4-H Program.

The 4-H membership recruiter will receive credit for both new and current members. If current members "join" within this time, their membership renewal date will be extended.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jana Barrett at 979-845-1213 or jbarrett@ag.tamu.edu.



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Congratulations to Tom Green County on the 2012 National Youth Science Day Innovation Promotion and Media Outreach Award!

National 4-H Council recently announced that the Tom Green County 4-H SET group was selected as the 2012 winner of the National Youth Science Day Innovation Award in Promotion and Media Outreach. Tom Green 4-H has been conducting 4-H National Youth Science Day in its community since the project began. The group has grown and now consists of students ages 8-14 years old, who are interested in energy, computers, aerospace technology, engineering and robotics. Students made posters & fliers, contacted media, took part in newspaper and television interviews, designed T-shirts, and prepared a Power Point presentation.

This award recognizes the best effort to enhance the visibility and presence of a 4-H NYSD event or the 4-H National Youth Science Day initiative, in local or national media (print, web, radio or television). Congratulations on your honor!

2013 4-H Shooting Sports Postal League Match Dates Extended

Please note, in response to feedback from counties/coaches regarding the 2013 4-H Shooting Sports Postal League match end date and score submission due date, we have extended the match as follows to allow more time for match completion and score submission. Match Dates: November 5, 2012- April 14, 2013 * Scores due by April 30, 2013

Also, please mark the 2014 4-H Shooting Sports Postal League dates on your calendars! Match Dates: November 4, 2013-April 14, 2014 * Registration Open October 1-27, 2013 \$10/event * Late Registration October 28-November 3, 2013 \$12/event * Scores due April 30, 2014

2013 Daisy 4-H Scholarship

The 2013 Daisy 4-H Scholarship Information is available by clicking [HERE](#). Please note this major change for 2013: Each state 4-H program must review the applications from their state 4-Hers and select two to submit for consideration through the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee. This committee will forward the two selected from Texas along with the other states' submissions to Daisy. The application deadline is April 1, 2013. Applications and all required paperwork should be sent to the Texas 4-H Office. Last year, 46 scholarship applications from 22 states were received from applicants vying for the 2012 Daisy 4-H College Scholarship. With so many applications received, Joe Murfin of Daisy Outdoor Products made a decision that Daisy would award two \$500 scholarships. Those selected in 2012 were Emily Bordelon from Mississippi and Kyle Barringer of Victoria County, Texas. Congratulations Kyle!

4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) Contest -- 2013 Rules and Procedures Posted

Rules and procedures for the 2013 4-H WHEP contests held here in Texas have been revised and are posted to the Texas 4-H WHEP webpage.

2013 S.A.L.E. Junior Shoot-Out Information Is Posted - Entry Deadline is Very Near

The 2013 S.A.L.E. Junior Shoot-Out is the first annual trap competition to be held during the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo. The Main Event will be shot on February 8th with the Finals Event to be shot on February 9th. The Junior Shoot-Out will be held at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio. The competition is open to 4-H participants who meet the posted eligibility requirements and who have participated


in at least one Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Program sanctioned shotgun competition within the 2011 or 2012 calendar years. Entries must be postmarked on or before January 15, 2013 with a fee of \$75 per entry. Late entries will be accepted from January 16-31 with a fee of \$150 per entry.

Entries in the Junior Shoot-Out may be made by the contestant, the contestant's parent/guardian, or the contestant's County Extension Agent (CEA). The CEA must certify on the entry form that the contestant is eligible under the rules of this competition. Entry forms, entry information, participant eligibility information, and event rules can be found on the Junior Shoot-Out webpage; <http://www.sarodeo.com/livestock-show/s.a.l.e.-junior-shoot-out>. Read the entry information carefully. The entry process involves online submission and postal submission and will take some time. Act soon!

Stay up to date on all your Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program information!

The Shooting Sports project, Sportfishing project, Wildlife project, Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) project, Outdoor Challenge and more!

- Visit the Website: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/natural>. For detailed project area and event information, event rules, and event procedures, please visit our project area webpages via the "Natural Resources Program Links" box at upper right of the Natural Resources Program home page. Project area pages include: "Shooting Sports Website" and a "Shooting Sports Events & Event Results" page, "Outdoor Challenge Website", "Wildlife Website", "Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP) Website", and "Sportfishing Website".
- Look at the Calendar: Share your 4-H Natural Resources related events and see State 4-H Natural Resources Program events and other invitational events. Follow the links from the Natural Resources Program home page to the calendar and the calendar sharing instructions (how to post your own events). Note: to see the calendar in a list view rather than by week or month, click "Agenda" in the upper right corner of the calendar screen.
- Read the Blog: <http://tx4hnaturalresources.blogspot.com/> Updates and new information are posted here frequently, and are often available before updates to our website are made! Go to the blog to sign up to receive an email anytime an update is posted on the blog!
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2012-2013 Important Rules & Procedures, Event Synopsis, and Tentative Schedule of Events

We've created a comprehensive document to help you with all the basics you will need to know for 2012-2013 4-H Natural Resources Program events and activities. In it you will find: overviews of Important Rules & Procedures, brief descriptions of many of the events and activities that the Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program has to offer, and a Schedule of Events by month. Please note in the Schedule that all dates are subject to change and some dates/locations are still being finalized. As details are finalized updates will be announced and posted in this document, on the blog, on Facebook, and on the website! Check the date in the upper left corner to ensure you are using the most current version of this document! You can find links to the document on the blog, on Facebook, and on the website!

Trouble Registering??

Remember--for all Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program Events--if you wish to attend but are having trouble registering for an event or are experiencing circumstances that make you unable to get registered prior to the deadline, don't wait! Contact our office NOW (prior to the deadline) to discuss possible alternate registration arrangements! Email us at: tx4hnaturalresources@tamu.edu and we'll be happy to help!

Upcoming Natural Resource Events

February

- February 9—Practice WHEP Contest- Fort Boggy State Park, Centerville, TX. Registration Open December 1, 2012-January 20, 2013 on 4-H Connect \$12/Participant (Adult or Youth)

March

- March 7-9 and 15-16—Shooting Sports Indoor Archery Match-Graham & Bay City, TX. Match Dates: March 15-16, Graham March 7-9, Bay City
**Participants may only compete at ONE location.
Registration Open January 7-February 3, 2013 on 4-H Connect \$15/Equipment Class Entry (Max 3) Late Registration February 4-10, 2013. \$30/ Equipment Class Entry (Max 3)
- March 9—Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo WHEP Contest-T&M Ranch, Richmond, TX. Registration via HLSR Registration through your County Extension Office by December 1, 2012. Contest ecoregion will be Prairie Brushland.
- March 23-24—North Region Shooting Sports Coach Training-Wichita Falls, TX. Registration Open January 28-February 24, 2013 on 4-H Connect \$120/Coach or Assistant Coach Candidate. \$0/Extension Employee. Late Registration February 25-March 3, 2013. \$200

April

- April 20—Shooting Sports Extravaganza-Texas 4-H Conference Center, Brownwood, TX. Registration Open February 18-March 17, 2013 on 4-H Connect \$20/Participant. Late Registration March 18-24, 2013. \$40/Participant

Be sure to see the website or the document referenced above for more information and registration deadlines for upcoming events !



TEXAS 4-H OUTDOOR CHALLENGE



TEXAS 4-H OUTDOOR CHALLENGE

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Do you love the great outdoors? Are you up for a fun, physical and mental challenge? If so, mark your calendars for June 29-30, 2013 for the 5th annual Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge to be held at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood.

Grab a friend. Learn, practice, and train to compete in a series of ten outdoor events, and then join us in June to test your knowledge and skills at the Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge!

Registration will open on 4-H Connect in April. Check out the web page for contest rules and more details: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/outdoor>



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4-H Military News

Central Texas FIRST LEGO League Competition

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On December 8, 2012 at the Texas A&M University Central Texas campus in Killeen, Texas hosted the Central Texas FIRST LEGO League Qualifying Competition. FIRST LEGO League is a program that engages youth in real-world engineering challenges. At the competition the youth present their robot design to a panel of engineers, present their research project to scientists and industry professionals, launch their robots in head-to-head games where they can earn points for each task completed, and they are also judged on their team work and display of the FLL core values throughout the day. The core values include, learning is more important than winning, honor the spirit of friendly competition, learn together, and display gracious professionalism and cooperation.

Texas Military 4-H Tech Wizards had 17 youth, divided into three teams, representing them at the competition. The Leopard Robotics team from Smith Middle School received the Inspiration Award. The Inspiration Award celebrates a team that is empowered by their FLL experience and displays extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit. The Smith Middle School Tech Wizards team received the Gracious Professionalism Award. This award recognizes a team whose members show each other and other teams respect at all times; they recognize that both friendly competition and mutual gain are possible, on and off the playing field.



Robotics Family Fun Night

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On December 18, 2012 Texas Military 4-H Tech Wizards held Robotics Family Fun Night at Bronco Youth Center on Fort Hood, Texas. There were 53 people total in attendance for the event (28 youth, 13 parents, 12 mentors). Youth and their families from Smith Middle School and Bronco Youth Center's robotics teams were invited to the event. The purpose of the event was to recognize the youth who had represented Military 4-H Tech Wizards at the First Lego League competition on December 8, 2012. Participants of the event were also asked brought canned goods to be donated to a local food bank. We collected 10 lbs. of food to be donated.

Activities for the evening included: family engagement activity of building robots together, a demonstration of three robots from Shadetree Mechanics, Inc. and a recognition ceremony to recognize all youth that participated and represented 4-H Tech Wizards at the First Lego League Competition.

Fort Bliss Hero Pack Presentation

Cari Hutchenson

The Fearless Falcons Support Group at Bliss Elementary was founded by Nermin Overby in 2010. The Soaring Hawks Support Group at Logan Elementary was founded by Nermin Overby and Tracey Beach 2010. Both groups were created to provide emotional support for children dealing with military life issues. The goals of these support groups are to help students develop coping skills to better prepare them to deal with the issues of military life, to teach the resiliency and to provide a safe environment for these youth to express their emotions. The group met every Tuesday from 3:15 to 4:15 for 14 weeks. During this time they received guidance and training in self-esteem, communication, bullying, problem solving, anger management, deployment and re-unification. These children are currently dealing with a pending deployment. Operation: Military Kids was proud to support these youth in their program and with the help of various agencies were able to put together Hero Packs. Upon their graduation 75 youth from the two support programs were presented with the Hero Packs. The youth received materials to help them stay in touch with their deployed family member, journals to help continue with the great coping skills they learned during the program and letters of support from other youth. Also included in the packs were many items from the community and Comfort Crew/USO so generously donated 75 deployment packs that included a teddy bear and support materials.

Fisher House Donation

Jolie Durand

On Saturday, December 8th four youth members of the Georgetown Speak Out for Military Kids group and Georgetown 4-H Club, as well as an adult volunteer from Georgetown 4-H and two Operation: Military Kids program assistants came together to drop off donated dry goods, toys and handmade holiday cards to the Fisher House, which is located on the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. Fisher House is a facility which provides a "home away from home" feeling for families and their soldiers who are recovering from a war related injury. All donated items were individually selected for each child and wrapped in holiday paper to in order to give the children a more "normal" holiday season despite their circumstances. It took three vehicles to take all of the donated items to the Fisher House. All items were generously donated and collected by the Fort Sam Army Reserve 4th ESC unit, Georgetown 4-H club, other sources in the Williamson County area, The Comfort Crew for Military Kids, Operation: Military Kids, and the Spicewood 4-H Club.



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