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4-H NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to Fall and all the great opportunities at the Fair. I know most of you have been gearing up already for the fair, working hard on project exhibits, club booths and preparing your animals for the shows. Last year just didn't seem like Fall, because our Fair was cancelled thanks to Ivan...so this is really an exciting time for us all.

I would like to thank all the 4-H club members, parents and volunteers who helped to make 2004-05 such a great year. I am so proud of every 4-H'er who completed a record or project book, or participated in a special 4-H activity. I hope everyone who attended the Awards Banquet had an enjoyable evening and are just as excited as we are about the new 4-H year ahead.

Read on for Banquet Highlights and a review of opportunities at the Fair...

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Banquet Highlights

I would like to thank leader Debbie Bowden for all her help with preparing the meal, and the 4-H Honor Club members who decorated the auditorium and helped as servers, and everyone else who stayed and assisted with all the clean-up after the Banquet. My appreciation also, to all the 4-H'ers, parents and volunteers who helped make this a very memorable event. And a special thank you to Katie Marcoux, who did a great job assisting with the award presentations.

Youth Honors went to:

Record Book Winners

Juniors— Kayla Taylor

Sarah Ward

Senior— Arianna Nelson

4-H Medallion Awards

Head — Nathan Mooers

Heart — Kayla Taylor

Health — Adam Mooers

Hands — Katie Marcoux

Horseman of the Year

Junior— Kevin Blackmon

Seniors—Shannon Donahue

Katie Marcoux

Club of the Year

Rocky Riders - Jan Mullin, Leader

Fred Barber College Scholarship

Arianna Nelson

Adult Honors went to:

4-H Alumni

Pam Goodwin

Friend of 4-H

Okaloosa Master Gardener Association

Leader of the Year

Val Boyles



Fair, Fair, Fair



The Fair is almost here and 4-H'ers and volunteers are working feverishly to get ready for the events!!! Everyone needs to pre-register by October 7th. The Fair will be from Friday, October 21– to Saturday, October 29.

You can now access the 2005 Fair Book and Registration Form on the Okaloosa County Extension Website: <http://okaloosa.ifas.ufl.edu>

Once on the site, click on 4-H in the menu on the left and it will take you to the 4-H Page. You will see the link to the book and registration form in the box on the left. We have made a few changes in a couple of the livestock shows, so look carefully at the information provided.

Project Exhibits All project exhibits to be judged must be brought to the NEW Poultry and Rabbit Building at the fairgrounds on Thursday, October 20, between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

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Club Booths Booths must be completed by Thursday, October 20 at 8:00 p.m.

Open Youth Lamb Show - Saturday, October 22 at 5:00 p.m. (***note this is a time change—Weigh-in is at 3:30 p.m.***)

Open Youth Breeding Beef Show Monday, October 24, at 7:00 p.m.



Open Youth Poultry Showmanship Show Tuesday, October 25, at 7:00 p.m.

Open Youth Dairy Goat & Market Goat Show Wednesday, October 26th, at 5:30 pm.

Open Youth Horse Show Saturday, October 29 at 2:00 p.m.

Open Youth Rabbit and Cavy Exhibits

Animals will be exhibited in the Rabbit & Cavy Barn during the entire fair week.

4-H Dog Show and Costume Contest
Thursday, October 27th, at 7:00 p.m.



Booths can be assembled:

October 15, 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

October 17, 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

October 18, 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

October 19, 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

October 20, 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.



Exhibits can be removed:

Sunday—Wednesday, October 30-November 2, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

4-H



✿ Make a World of Difference ✿

4-H ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a 4-H Advisory and Expansion and Review Committee Meeting, Tuesday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m., at the Extension Office in Crestview. We will be discussing program changes, opportunities and events for the new year.

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Citizenship

HONOR CLUB MEETING

Honor Club members will be meeting Tuesday, October 18th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Fort Walton Beach Fairgrounds. We will be installing our fair booth on the Monofilament Recycling Project. Everyone needs to be there, we'll need a lot of help to put in the fish habitat.

THE WORLD OF WORLD'S FAIRS



Since it is fair time for our county we thought it would be interesting to explore the world of World's Fairs. World's Fairs have excited and inspired millions of people all around the world.

Ever since the first world's fair in London in 1851, the main goal of world's fairs has been to give people the opportunity to explore the world outside of their daily experiences. Pavilions provided glimpses into other cultures, new scientific advancements, new inventions, as well as offer entertainment, and amusement rides.

As times have changed so have the world expositions, striving to find new ways to provide information, inspiration and entertainment. They are related to both the Olympics and the United Nations in many ways, but world's fairs are unique in that everyone can enter the world exposition site and not only feel a part of something new, but also feel a part of the world community.

Each year the Expo's have a different theme, some examples are "World of Tomorrow," "Energy Turns the World," "Exploring America's Space Age," "Leisure in the World of Technology," "The Era of Discovery," "The Challenge of the New Road to Development," "Man, Nature, Technology," "Ships and the Sea," "Nature's Matrix, Art of Life and Development for Eco-Communities" to name a few.

Beginning in London, England in 1851, World's Fairs have taken place in the USA, Ireland, France, Austria, Belgium, Australia, Scotland, Italy, Brazil, Spain, Canada, Japan, South Korea, Portugal, and Germany. In 2008 the next World Expo will be held in Spain, 2010 in China, and South Korea is bidding for 2012.

Here in the US, World's Fairs have been held in 1853 in New York, 1876 in Philadelphia, 1884 in New Orleans, 1893 in Chicago, 1895 in Atlanta, 1901 in Buffalo, 1904 in St. Louis, 1907 in Hampton Roads, 1909 in Seattle, 1915 in San Francisco, 1915-16 in San Diego, 1926 in Philadelphia, 1933 in Chicago, 1939 in New York, 1939-40 in San Francisco, 1962 in Seattle, 1964-65 in New York, 1968 in San Antonio, 1974 in Spokane, 1982 in Knoxville, 1984 in New Orleans.

Ask your parents and grandparents if they have attended a World's Fair. Miss Linda remembers the 1964 World's Fair in New York City. Her strongest memories are of the huge Unisphere, the giant dinosaurs and the Vatican City Pavilion, which displayed Michelangelo's marble masterpiece, the Pieta. Having the opportunity to explore the pavilions from so many different countries, states, companies and organizations was a great once in a life-time learning experience.

There are many web-sites on the World's Fairs, check them out with your family!



FALL COLORS

Every fall we here in Florida miss out on one of nature's miracles. Green leaves turn red, purple, orange and yellow. Why do leaves change colors? As a result of chemical processes, leaves change with the seasons from summer to winter.



During the spring and summer, leaves are green. The color green comes from a chemical called chlorophyll. This chemical likes warm weather and long days. The plant uses chlorophyll to make food by absorbing sunlight and using carbon dioxide and water. Since chlorophyll likes warm weather and long days, when the days get shorter and the weather gets cooler, chlorophyll starts to break down and the green color disappears.



Other chemicals in the leaves produce the other colors you see. Carotenes and xanthophylls give the orange and yellow colors. These colors are masked most of the year by chlorophyll. So the leaves change from green to any combination of these beautiful colors and then eventually turn brown and fall off of the tree. Here in the South, since our autumn and winter are very mild, some trees keep their leaves throughout the year. Some trees will show a little color change here depending on our weather. The invasive "popcorn tree" changes colors in our region. Some maples do too. So this fall, look for some color. Enjoy it. It is very rare here in Florida.





NEWSLETTER SAVVY

Did you know this could be your last newsletter?

If you haven't filled out a new 4-H enrollment form and turned it in to your club leader or the 4-H office this could be your last mailing. Each year we have to purge our mail list.

Did you know that you can receive your newsletter each month by email?

Send your name, club name and your email address to jheady@co.okaloosa.fl.us and we will begin sending your newsletter to you by email.

4-H Country Club— In preparation for the 4-H Dog Show, October 27th at the Fair, Nikki Lishefski is holding classes October 1 & 15, 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Dr. Reese's farm for all Okaloosa 4-H'ers. For more information call Nikki at 499-7357.

4-H Garden Club— 4-H'ers had fun meeting Ms. Jennifer Heady at our meeting. Crafts were done in preparation for the county fair. Lots of paperwork was done to sign-up for this year in 4-H. Snacks came along as we got finished with the crafts (just in time). We are sending greetings to all the other clubs...wishing them well at the fair!

Horsefeathers— The Horsefeathers 4-H Horse Club met on Sunday, September 25th at Billy's Barn. The topic of the meeting was the upcoming fair. The club began making plans for their booth and talked about their own personal exhibits and the Horse Show. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Peters for providing the yummy snacks after our meeting! The group will be meeting again on Sunday, October 2nd, at Billy's Barn.

Just Kidding Goat Club— We had our goat meeting September 9th at the Mooers' house. It was great! We discussed the clinic at Dr. Williamson's house at 10:00 am September 26 to help us get our goats tested and tattooed. We also discussed goat minerals, whole grains, and CAE. We will be having a goat fun show October 1st at Ms. Darlene's house. We have to have our goats registered by October 7th. Have a great time at the fair. *Submitted by: Adam Mooers*

Animals in Disasters—Ms. Jennifer has a great video and slide presentation on this topic. If you would like her to do the program for your club, ask your leader to call the 4-H Office and schedule.



*"4-H is a community of young people...across America...
who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills"*





4-H Calendar

September

30 Leaders—New year club forms are due today!

October

7 Registrations due today for the Northwest Florida Fair
 2-8 National 4-H Week
 18 Honor Club Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds
 21-29 Northwest Florida Fair, Ft. Walton Beach Fairgrounds
 Open Youth Poultry and Open Youth Rabbit & Cavy Exhibits—
 Animals will be exhibited in the Rabbit & Cavy Barn during the entire
 fair week.
 22 Open Youth Lamb Show, 5:00 p.m., Fairgrounds
 24 Open Youth Breeding Beef Show, 7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds
 25 Open Youth Poultry Showmanship Show, 7:00 p.m. Fairgrounds
 26 Open Youth Dairy Goat & Market Goat Show, 5:30 p.m. Fairgrounds
 27 4-H Dog Show and Costume Contest, 7:00 p.m. , Fairgrounds
 29 Open Youth Horse Show, 2:00 p.m., Fairgrounds

November

8 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Crestview
 15 Honor Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Crestview
 24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday, 4-H Office closed

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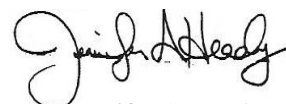
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