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Ending One Year and Starting Anew

September 1st marks the beginning of the new 4-H year, with it comes some changes. Re-enrollment forms will be sent out to your club leaders this month. Be sure to fill out your form so that you can continue receiving the newsletter and other important information.

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

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LEADER MEETING

The new 4-H year will bring several changes and new opportunities. This year we will be working on the 4-H website. Each club will be able to have its own website. Record books will be different this year. Hopefully, they will be easier. We have new age divisions in effect this year too. So, since we have so many new things to talk about, I have scheduled a leader meeting.

When: August 10, 2006 at 6:30 pm

Where: Extension Office in Crestview

This will be a **VERY IMPORTANT** meeting with lots of valuable information. Please make plans to attend!



4-H Awards Banquet

The awards and recognition program will be held Tuesday, August 29 at 6:00 p.m. at the Charles M. Walthall Agriculture Center in Crestview. Those 4-H'ers who completed and turned in a project or record book, or participated at County, District, or State Events, will receive an invitation to attend. Adult volunteers will also be honored. **Please be sure to call the 4-H Office and RSVP when your invitation arrives.**



STATE HORSE EVENT RESULTS



We are very proud to announce that Katie Marcoux of the Hoofbeats Club, received the First Place trophy at the State 4-H Congress Horse Event held in Gainesville, June 23, for her individual demonstration "Turning Faults In To Performance Success." As the state winner Katie advanced to represent Florida at the 2006 Southern Regional Horse Championships held in Raleigh, North Carolina July 26-30th. Also as our state champion Katie has earned the honor to compete at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup held in Louisville, Kentucky, November 4-6th.

The Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup provides the most outstanding 4-H'ers in the nation the opportunity to showcase their horse management and communications skills, as well as, equine knowledge. This opportunity is the ultimate 4-H experience for Katie that recognizes her years of hard work and 4-H achievements within the horse program. **Three cheers for Katie!!!**



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT RECOGNITION

Many of our 4-H clubs during the year do wonderful community service projects. These projects help give 4-H members positive and meaningful experiences in leadership and citizenship development.

We would like to honor your hard work and efforts to make a difference in your community. Send photos and a short write up about your club's unique community service project to the 4-H Office by August 18th.

All our clubs or groups of youth who submit this will receive recognition at the 4-H Awards Banquet this month.

4-H STATE CONGRESS News

Erin Grundel of the 4-H Country Club attended the 4-H State Congress held in Gainesville, July 24-28. 4-H State Congress offers participants the opportunity to compete, learn from experts in their fields of interest, experience leadership and citizenship opportunities, make new friends from all over the state *and* have a lot of fun!

Erin had a great time in Fashion Revue and is eager to return and compete next year. She also had the opportunity to represent our county as a voting delegate at the State Council meetings and elections. She did an excellent job and we are very proud of her accomplishments.



Horse Behavior Observation



What is normal for a horse? Do horses sleep standing up? What do horses do when they are in the stall?

Come join the Horsefeathers 4-H Club for a 24 hour observation of 3 horses and learn the answers to these and many other questions.

- When:** August 18-19, 2006
Time: 4:00 p.m. Friday – 4:00 p.m. Saturday
Where: Ms. Jennifer's barn northeast of Crestview
Cost: \$15 per person to cover meals and snacks
How: Call the 4-H Office to register. A parent or guardian will need to attend with you.

Call (850) 689-5850 or 729-1400, ext. 5850.

Honor Club



The Okaloosa County 4-H Honor Club is currently collecting clean, used prescription medicine bottles for P.A.W.S. You can donate by giving them to an Honor Club member or by dropping them by the Extension Office in Crestview.



The Honor Club's next meeting will be August 15, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in Crestview. We will be working on decorations for the Awards Banquet.

4-H Calendar

August

- 10 Leaders Meeting, Crestview Extension Office, 6:30 pm
 15 Honor Club Meeting, Crestview Extension Office, 6:30 pm
 18 Community Service Project Reports due today!
 18-19 Horse Behavior Observation, Ms. Jennifer's Barn, 4:00 pm
 Friday-4:00 pm Saturday, call the 4-H Office to register
 29 4-H Awards Banquet

September

- 1 New 4-H year begins.
Remember to fill out a re-enrollment or new registration form!

October

- 1-7 National 4-H Week
 5-8 Southern Regional Leader Forum, Rock Eagle 4-H Center,
 Eatonton, GA, register by August 15th

November

- 4-6 National 4-H Horse Roundup, Louisville, Kentucky



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